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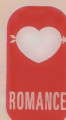


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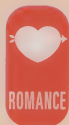


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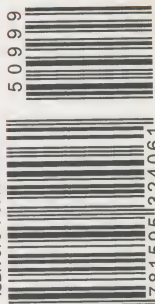
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## Volume II



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# STORY SO FAR...

Hello, I'm Tohru Honda and I have come to know a terrible secret. After the death of my mother, I was living by myself in a tent, when the Sohma family took me in. I soon learned that the Sohma family lives with a curse! Each family member is possessed by the vengeful spirit of an animal from the Chinese Zodiac. Whenever one of them becomes weak or is hugged by a member of the opposite sex, they change into their Zodiac animal!



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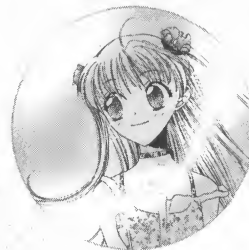
# Fruits Basket Characters

## Mabudachi Trio



### Shigure Sohma, the Dog

Enigmatic, mischievous and a little perverted. A popular novelist.



### Tohru Honda

The ever-optimistic hero of our story. An orphan, she now lives in Shigure's house, along with Yuki and Kyo, and is the only person outside of the family who knows the Sohma family's curse.

### Hatori Sohma, the Dragon

Family doctor to the Sohmas. Only thing he can't cure is his broken heart.



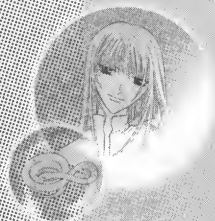
### Yuki Sohma, the Rat

Soft-spoken. Self-esteem issues. At school he's called "Prince Yuki."



### Ayame Sohma, the Snake

Yuki's older brother. A proud and playful drama queen...er, king. Runs a costume shop.



### Kyo Sohma, the Cat

The Cat who was left out of the Zodiac. Hates Yuki, leeks and miso. But mostly Yuki.

### Saki Hanajima

"Hana-chan." Can sense people's "waves." Goth demeanor scares her classmates.

### Arisa Uotani

"Uo-chan." A tough-talking "Yankee" who looks out for her friends.



Tohru's Best Friends

### Kagura Sohma, the Boar

Bashful, yet headstrong. Determined to marry Kyo, even if it kills him.



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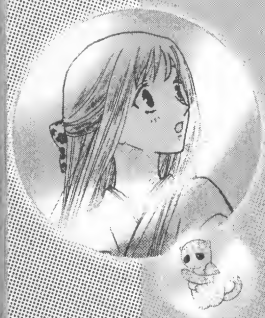
## Hiro Sohma, the Ram (or sheep)

This caustic tyke is skilled at throwing verbal barbs, but he has a soft spot for Kisa.



## Ritsu Sohma, the Monkey

This shy kimono-wearing member of the Sohma family is gorgeous. But this "she" is really a he!! Crossdressing calms his nerves.



## Akito Sohma

The head of the Sohma clan. A dark figure of many secrets. Treated with fear and reverence.



## Momiji Sohma, the Rabbit

Half-German. He's older than he looks. Mother rejected him because of the Sohma curse.



## Hatsuharu Sohma, the Ox

The nicest of guys, except when he goes "Black." Then you'd better watch out.



## Kisa Sohma, the Tiger

Kisa became shy and self-conscious due to constant teasing by her classmates. Yuki, who has similar insecurities, feels particularly close to Kisa.







# Fruits Basket™

Chapter 60

Filler  
sketch



I too...  
feel  
like it's  
summer  
...

In the  
story, it's the  
height of  
summer...

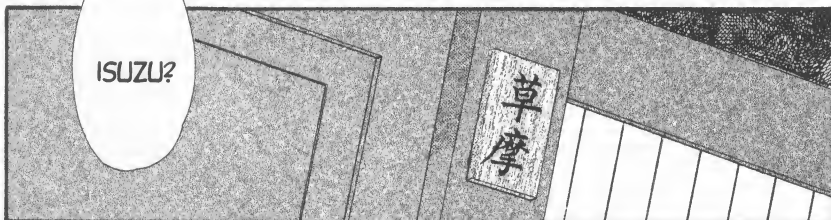
We get hot just looking at you, Hana-chan!



WHEN MY LIPS  
TOUCHED HER  
LOVINGLY...

...IT WAS A  
SYMBOL OF  
THE END...

...AND A NEW  
BEGINNING.



ISUZU?

\*Nameplate: Sohma



Filler  
sketch



A flower with a flower.





WHY...

WELL...

IT'S TRUE,  
ISN'T IT?

...WOULD  
YOU SAY  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT?



ISUZU,  
HEY!

ISUZU!

EVEN IF IT  
IS TRUE...!



I FEEL  
LIKE SHE'S  
GOTTEN  
EVEN MORE  
STUBBORN  
LATELY.

IT'S BEEN SO  
LONG SINCE  
WE TOOK  
HER IN, BUT  
SHE JUST  
DOESN'T TRY  
TO BELONG.

WHAT  
IS IT?

YOU  
FOUGHT  
AGAIN?



WANT TO  
GO TO THE  
SUMMER  
HOME?!

ARE YOU  
GOING OUT  
AGAIN?

THEY SAY  
EVERYONE'S  
THERE NOW!

WE SHOULD  
GO OUT  
TOGETHER  
SOMETIME.  
...OH! I KNOW!



WHY DON'T  
YOU STOP  
FORCING YOUR-  
SELF ON HIM  
AND CALLING  
IT LOVE?

PROBABLY YUN-  
CHAN, PROBABLY  
SHII-CHAN, AND  
HARU-CHAN...

AND I BET  
KYO-KUN IS  
THERE!!  
♡

IT'S PAINFUL  
TO WATCH.

KAGURA.

AND,  
ISUZU, YOU  
HAVEN'T MET  
TOHRU-KUN  
YET, AND--

SHII-  
CHAN,  
YOU SON  
OF A  
BITCH!!

KAGURA, YOU  
KNOW THAT'S  
THE SECOND TIME  
YOU'VE DESTROYED  
THAT DOOR IN AS  
MANY MONTHS.

Next time  
we meet,  
I'll show  
you no  
mercy!

...I WON'T  
LOSE.

I'M  
SURE  
OF IT.

I'LL  
KEEP GOING  
FORWARD.

I CAN GO ON  
BELIEVING.

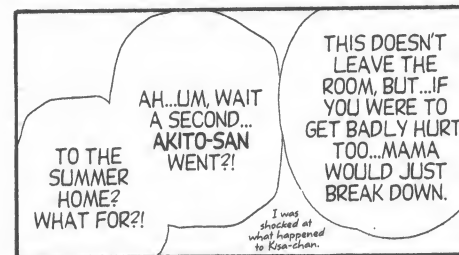


THERE'S NO  
NEED TO GO OUT  
OF YOUR WAY  
TO INCITE HIS  
DISPLEASURE.

I HEAR THE  
HEAD OF THE  
FAMILY WENT  
OVER THERE  
YESTERDAY.

EH...

WHAT?!

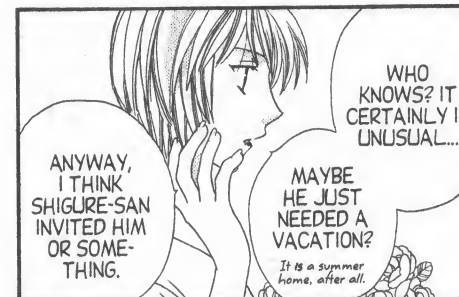


TO THE  
SUMMER  
HOME?  
WHAT FOR?!

AH...UM, WAIT  
A SECOND...  
AKITO-SAN  
WENT?!

THIS DOESN'T  
LEAVE THE  
ROOM, BUT...IF  
YOU WERE TO  
GET BADLY HURT,  
TOO...MAMA  
WOULD JUST  
BREAK DOWN.

*I was  
shocked at  
what happened  
to Kisa-chan.*



ANYWAY,  
I THINK  
SHIGURE-SAN  
INVITED HIM  
OR SOME-  
THING.

WHO  
KNOWS? IT  
CERTAINLY IS  
UNUSUAL...

MAYBE  
HE JUST  
NEEDED A  
VACATION?

*It is a summer  
home, after all.*



SHII-  
CHAN  
?!

"IT'S PAINFUL  
TO WATCH."



AH...OH YES.  
I OVERHEARD  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT GOING TO  
THE SUMMER  
HOME.

I THINK IT  
WOULD BE  
BEST IF YOU  
DIDN'T GO...

Fruits Basket 11  
Part 1:

Hajimemashite and konnichiwa! Takaya, here! I'm pleased to present Furuba volume 11! Eleven is Hiro-kun. Could it be that his desire to be an adult is the basis for his recent decline in his smart-aleck comments, and that he's about to grow? You never know... He might shoot up like a weed. I hope it's not too much of a shock, but, starting with Volume 11, the "Ultra-Special Blah Blah Blah" columns are gone. Not to worry, though. These side columns are still going strong, so you'll still hear plenty of me going on about whatever crosses my mind. Well, please enjoy Furuba.











...DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. I'M FINE!

I'M SO VERY HAPPY!

SO PLEASE ...



AH...

KYO.

DON'T LEAVE HER ALONE.

SHUT...



THAT'S ALL...

...FOR TODAY.



OH NO! WHAT IF EVERYONE'S CONCERNED ABOUT THAT?!

Cook something yummy while we're gone!

I want to eat shou-gayaki!

\*shougayaki: Pork fried with ginger

I WONDER IF I'M JUST BEING CONCEITED TO THINK THAT?

Yeah...

BUT...

...ABOUT KYO-KUN AND ME BEING HERE BY OURSELVES?

...HE'S WORRIED ...



COULD IT BE THAT...



I AM HAPPY...



I-I REALLY AM VERY LUCKY!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I'M SO HAPPY!





NO...

THAT DAY WON'T COME...

...FOR A LONG TIME YET.



SATISFIED?



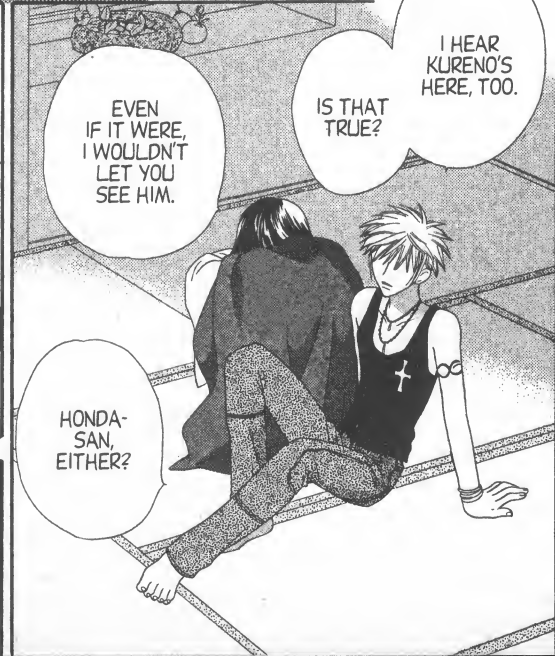
...



WHY MUST YOU BRING HER UP?

BECAUSE KURENO'S...

...A MEMBER OF THE ZODIAC, TOO.



EVEN IF IT WERE, I WOULDN'T LET YOU SEE HIM.

IS THAT TRUE?

I HEAR KURENO'S HERE, TOO.

HONDA-SAN, EITHER?



YUKI-KUN...

I WISH HE'D JUST LET US GO BACK.

*Although it wouldn't be right to leave Haru.*

SO, WE HAVE SOME FREE TIME.



WHAT DID AKITO-SAN TELL YOU YESTERDAY?



...THE TRUTH.



OH MY, YUKI-KUN.

I WAS SURE YOU WOULD BE WITH AKITO-SAN.

TODAY HE'S ALL OVER HARU.

I SEE.



DID I  
HURT YOUR  
FEELINGS?

OH...?

...BUT  
IT'S FUNNY,  
HATSUHARU.

WHY SO  
GLUM?

JUST LIKE  
YOU.

THE BIG,  
DUMB,  
FUNNY OX.

UNNATURAL,  
YOU SAY?

UN-  
NATURAL?

Keh!

HMM?

WELL, NO,  
BUT...

...IT FEELS  
UNNATURAL  
FOR YOU  
NOT TO.

DO I HAVE  
TO LET ALL  
THE JULINISHI  
MEET HER?

HA...

HEH  
HEH...

HATSUHARU,  
YOU ALWAYS  
SAY FUNNY  
THINGS.

AH HA HA!  
OH, HATSU-  
HARU...

NO.

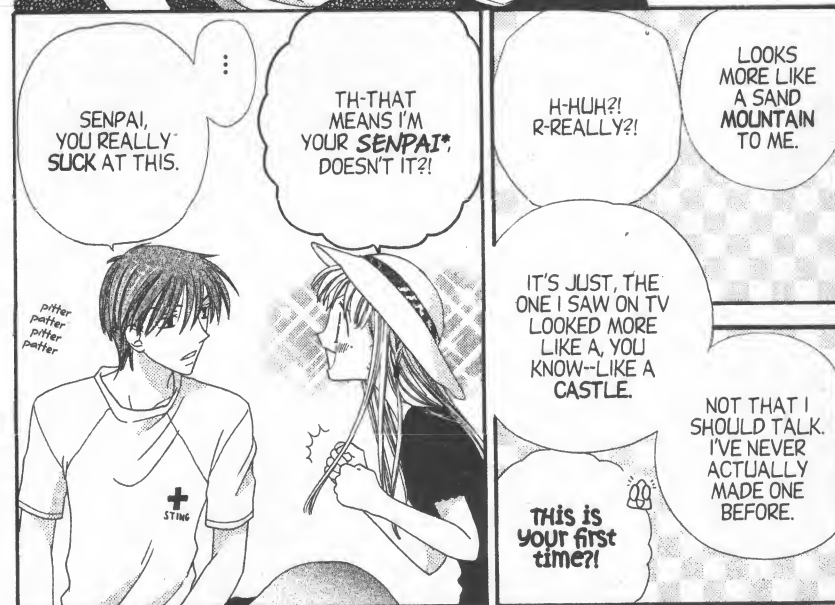
...YOU  
WOULDN'T  
LAUGH LIKE  
THAT.

AND I'D  
LIKE IT IF...

...YOU  
KNOW...  
UNNATURAL  
THAT YOU'D  
LIKE TO...

Keh keh keh...

IS THERE  
ANYTHING  
ELSE? ANY-  
THING...



\*Senpai = a more advanced student.







I WON'T  
APOLOGIZE...

...FOR  
KISSING  
YOU...



BUT IF  
YOU'D  
PREFER...

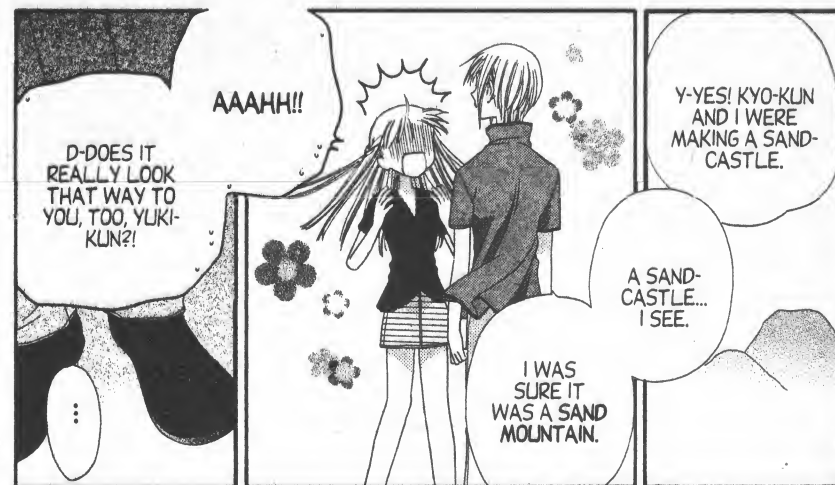
...BECAUSE  
I DON'T  
THINK...

...I DID  
ANYTHING  
WRONG.



...I DON'T  
MIND...

...IF YOU  
FORGET IT.



AAAAH!!

D-DOES IT  
REALLY LOOK  
THAT WAY TO  
YOU, TOO, YUKI-  
KUN?!

Y-YES! KYO-KUN  
AND I WERE  
MAKING A SAND-  
CASTLE.

A SAND-  
CASTLE...  
I SEE.

I WAS  
SURE IT  
WAS A SAND  
MOUNTAIN.



AH...

I KNEW  
THE THINGS  
I WAS  
SAYING...

...MUST HAVE  
SOUNDED QUITE  
STRANGE, BUT  
I JUST KEPT  
TALKING. I'M  
SORRY.

BUT...



I'M  
SORRY.

ABOUT  
YESTER-  
DAY...

YOU'RE  
PROBABLY  
WORRIED  
ABOUT THAT,  
AREN'T YOU?



THAT'S WHY...

THERE'S A RIGHT TIME AND A WRONG TIME...

...TO TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH...

...WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

OKAY?

...SOME-DAY...

whisper

...



...I CAN'T HEAR IT.

THE VOICE IS SO SMALL

SO SMALL

I CAN'T HEAR IT.

HIS TRUE VOICE...

NO MATTER HOW HARD I LISTEN...

BUT ...

BUT... I COULDN'T POSSIBLY FORGET! I ADMIT THAT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING YOU WERE SAYING...

...BUT I'M SURE THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU...

...WASN'T IT, YUKI-KUN?

YOU TOLD ME SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT, DIDN'T YOU?

BUT IT'S SO SMALL.



YOU...

shake  
shake  
shake  
shake  
shake

SOMEHOW,  
IT SEEMS  
LIKE HE'S  
SUDDENLY  
GOTTEN  
TOUGHER.

IT'S A  
DUMPLING!  
DID I DO A  
GOOD JOB?

YES,  
YOU DID.

YUKI, LET'S  
GO BACK  
SOON.

I'm  
hungry.

YEAH,  
OKAY.

IF YOU  
HAPPEN TO  
SEE AKITO...

...DON'T GET  
STUPID AND  
LOSE IT.

GRAB

FOR NOW,  
ALL I CAN  
TELL YOU...

...SOME-  
DAY...

I THINK  
THERE'S  
SOME-  
THING...  
...I SHOULD  
TELL  
YOU!

...IS THAT  
I'M DOING  
WELL.

SO, DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
ME.

Tahrui!  
Yuki!

I THINK  
HE WAS  
TEASING ME!

YEAH.

GACK!

Yes!! I-I-I  
under-  
stand!!

Y-



...IS STILL FAR AWAY, BUT...

THE SMALL VOICE...

I...

I'LL KILL YOU!!

AH! UM, UH!!

YUKI, YOU'RE SO COOL.

HE SURE AS HELL IS NOT COOL!!

Not in the least!

WH--

WHY DO I HAVE TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU?!

DON'T TALK DOWN TO ME!!

WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!

Ah?!

I'M ME.

I REALIZE IT MUST BE PAINFUL TO ALWAYS BE SCORNEO THE WAY YOU ARE...

...BUT I CAN'T HAVE YOU DOING ANYTHING TO SEND AKITO'S SPARKS FLYING AT HER.





## Chapter 61



...I KNOW  
I'LL HEAR  
HIS VOICE...  
SOMEDAY.

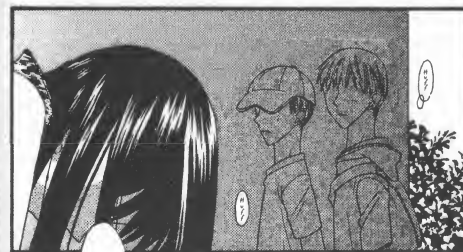
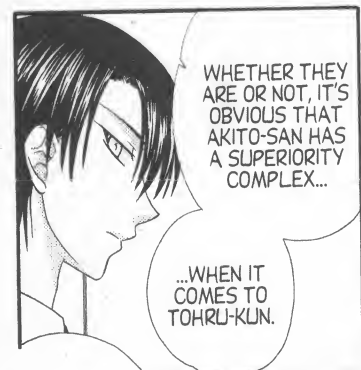
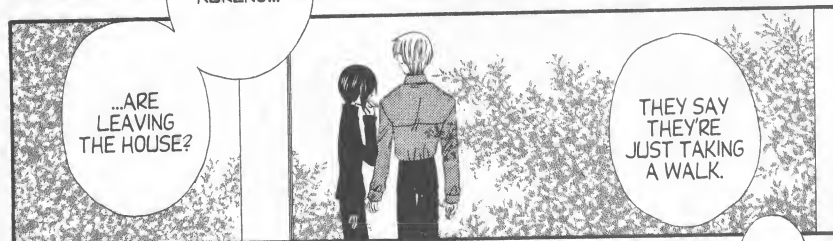


SAY,  
KURENO.

WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
TO...

...GO MEET  
TOHRU  
HONDA?







...YOU  
ARE TO ACT  
AS A PROPER  
MEMBER OF THE  
JULINISHI.

I THINK I'LL  
INTRODUCE  
YOU TO HER  
MYSELF.

I WORRY  
ABOUT YOU  
BECAUSE  
YOU'RE  
INFERIOR.

SO,  
KURENO...



...WE'LL  
LEAVE THE  
GORGON ALL  
ALONE AGAIN.

AFTER  
THAT...



BUT  
SHE'S NOT  
ALONE.

AS LONG AS  
SHE'S HERE,  
SHE WILL  
ALWAYS BE  
ALONE.

SHE NEEDS  
TO REALIZE  
THAT SHE'LL  
NEVER  
BEAT ME.

SHE'S NO  
MATCH  
FOR ME...

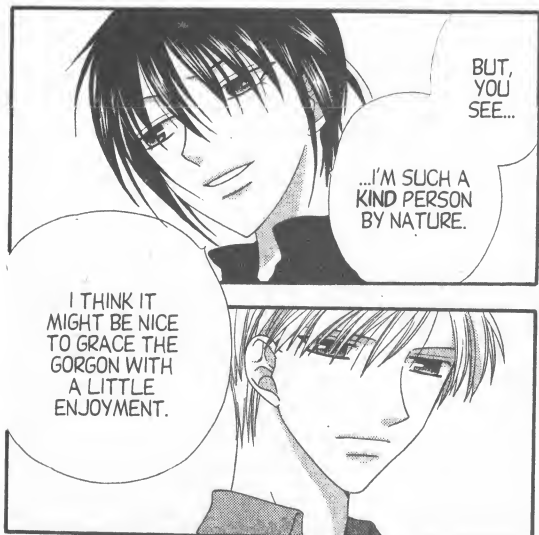
KYO-KUN'S  
WITH HER,  
ISN'T HE?



BESIDES, THE  
EXISTENCE OF  
THAT GORGON IS  
ANNOYING IN AND  
OF ITSELF.

SHE SHOULD  
BE ISOLATED.

I'D BE QUITE  
JUSTIFIED IN  
EXTERMINATING  
HER.



BUT,  
YOU  
SEE...

...I'M SUCH A  
KIND PERSON  
BY NATURE.

I THINK IT  
MIGHT BE NICE  
TO GRACE THE  
GORGON WITH  
A LITTLE  
ENJOYMENT.



THAT WOMAN  
DOESN'T  
BELONG WITH  
US, AFTER  
ALL.





BESIDES...



ARE YOU  
OKAY NOT  
SWIMMING?

IF YOU'RE  
WORRIED  
ABOUT ME--

THAT'S  
NOT IT!

IT'S JUST  
MORE FUN TO  
BE TOGETHER!



BUT...

...I DO WONDER  
WHY YOU DON'T  
LIKE THE WATER  
SO MUCH, KYO-  
KUN?

THEY SAY  
IT'S BECAUSE  
THE SPIRIT  
OF THE  
CAT HATES  
WATER.

APPARENTLY  
THE PREVIOUS  
CAT DIDN'T LIKE  
WATER, EITHER.



THAT'S  
SOME  
DREAM...

I want to  
make such  
a good  
castle that  
it **SHOCKS**  
and **amazes**  
everyone!!

With a  
bang! And  
a boom!



TOHRU.

YES?!



Here.  
A  
SOUVENIR.



SPLASH

YOU GOT IT  
INTO PRETTY  
GOOD SHAPE,  
DIDN'T YOU?

Still doesn't look like a  
castle, though.

Yes!

Ah!  
Hermit  
crab-san!!

It's  
adorable!



IS IT FUN  
BEING WITH  
A MONSTER?





I'VE ALWAYS ...

...THOUGHT THAT WAS STRANGE.

EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE KID.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF THAT'S TRUE, THOUGH.

*Since the color doesn't fade...*

APPARENTLY, BECAUSE IT WAS MADE ...

...BY SACRIFICING THE LIVES OF OTHERS, IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A POWERFUL PROTECTIVE CHARM.



"STEALING EVERYTHING, TRAMPLING ON EVERYTHING..."

WHAT DO THEY MEAN...

"...AN EXISTENCE BUILT ON OTHERS' SACRIFICES... ON OTHERS' LIVES?"

...UNTIL THERE'S NOTHING LEFT."



I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE MADE OF...?

*Stone?*

THEY'RE UNUSUAL BEADS, AREN'T THEY?

YEAH.

...WEAR THOSE BEADS, TOO?

DID THE PREVIOUS CAT...

THE PREVIOUS CAT...

SHISHOU-SAN'S GRAND-FATHER



HUMAN BONES.

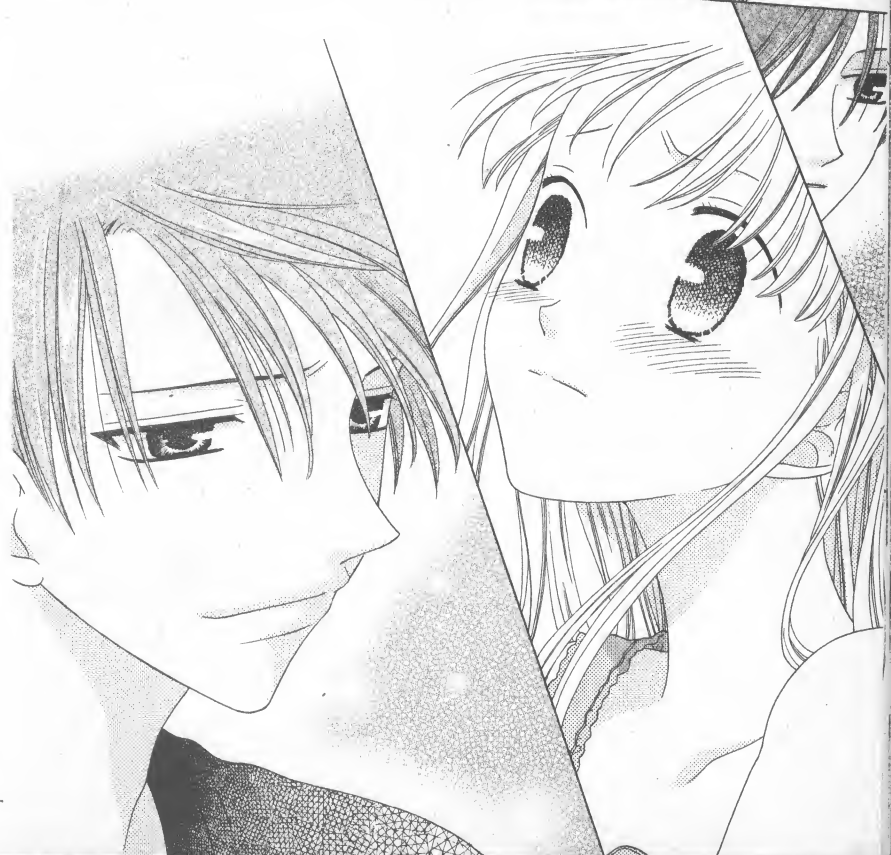
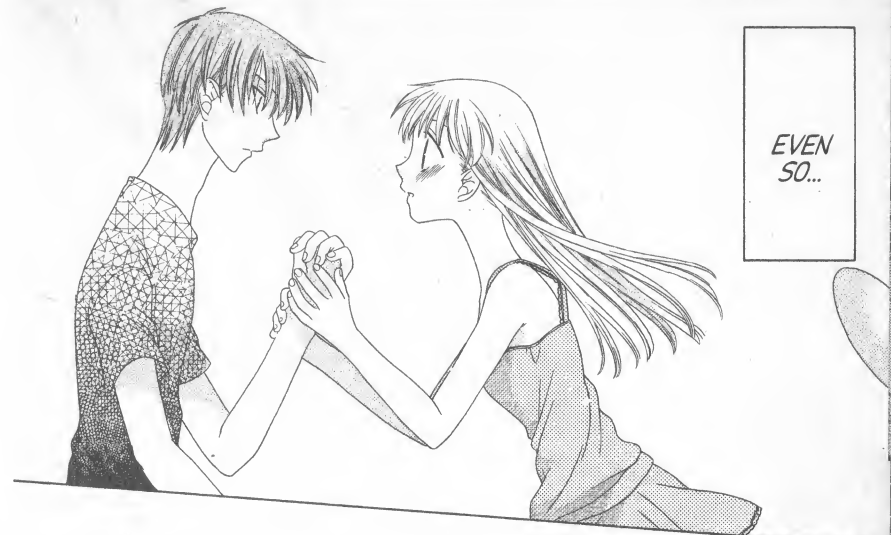


THEY SAY THE RED ONES ARE COLORED WITH BLOOD.

APPARENTLY IT HAPPENED A REALLY LONG TIME AGO.

IT WAS A FAMOUS WARRIOR OR PRIEST OR SOMETHING.

EH ...?







Okami-san



If Okami-san ever came at me with all that tension, I would either run away with all my might, or be scared stiff. At least when she speaks with Ritchan she can be quiet. She's not always thorough in fulfilling her duties as hostess--could it be calculated neglect? Is she as shameless as her son? Anyway, because she shouts a lot, I have a hard time fitting all her lines inside her balloons.



I WONDER HOW HEAVY A BURDEN IT MUST BE...

...FOR KYO-KUN TO ALWAYS WEAR THOSE...?

"SACRIFICING THE LIVES OF OTHERS..."



I COULDN'T HEAR IT.

KYO-KUN'S VOICE WAS SMALL, TOO.

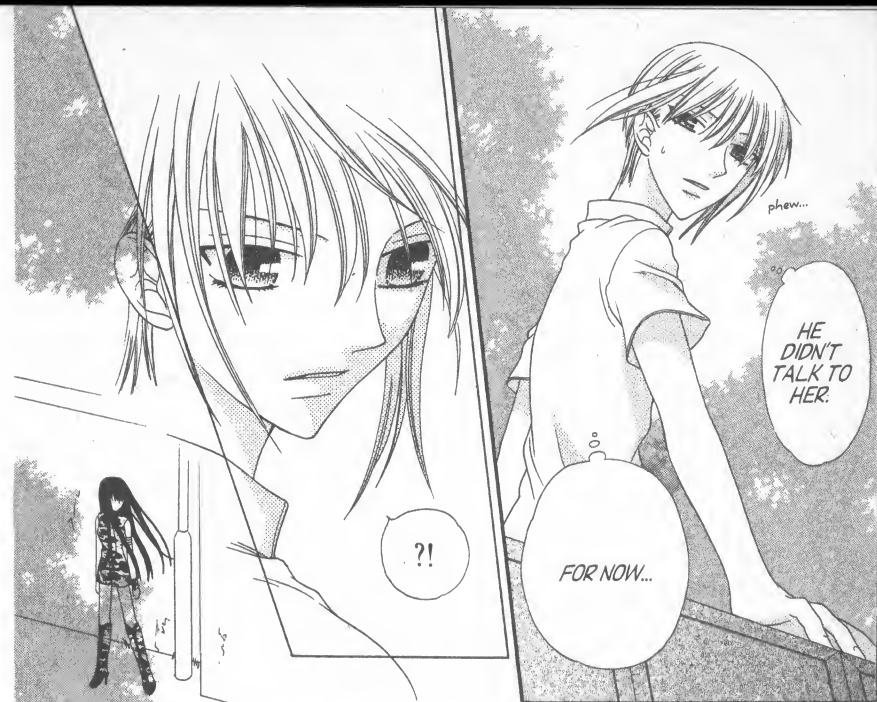


EVEN SO...



...I WONDER IF I SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO TRY TO HEAR.

"SOMEDAY... OKAY?"



?!

FOR NOW...

HE DIDN'T TALK TO HER.



YES!

Don't mention it.

IS IT MY TURN, THEN?

I'LL GO WORK ON THE LAUNDRY!

MM...

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME USE THE BATH FIRST!

KYO-KUN...







I SAW HER  
EARLIER AND  
FOLLOWED,  
THINKING IT  
MIGHT BE RIN.

IT IS  
YOU, RIN.

THANK YOU  
FOR FINDING  
HER, HONDA-  
SAN.

N-NO, UM,  
IT WAS AN  
ACCIDENT...

EH...  
H-HUH?  
YUKI-KU--?!



AS YOU CAN  
SEE, SHE'S  
THE HORSE.

BUT WHY  
ARE YOU  
TRANS-  
FORMED,  
RIN?

THIS IS  
RIN... ISUZU  
SOHMA.

ISUZU...  
SAN...?

...SOMEONE  
CALL  
HATORI-  
SA--?

UH, UM...

YOU MUST  
BE SICK.



A  
HORSE  
?!  
!!

H-HORSE-  
SAN...

WHY ARE  
YOU HERE?



FROM  
THE  
ZODIAC  
...

RIN!

ARE...ARE  
YOU A  
WILD--?







"I'VE BEEN DUMPED."

"IT WAS KIND OF A SECRET THAT WE WERE GOING OUT."

DID YOU COME HERE TO SEE SOMEONE?

WHY ARE YOU HERE, ANYWAY...?

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD.

YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL, ARE YOU?

GRAB!



SHUT UP!

WHERE I GO AND WHAT I DO...

...IS MY BUSINESS!



I--  
I'M SORRY!  
UM,  
TAKE THIS!

SHE'S INCREDIBLY STUBBORN.

Did she change back through stubbornness?



THEY MUST BE REFERRING TO PEOPLE LIKE HER WHEN THEY SAY "BEWITCHING BEAUTY."

AND SUCH A GRACEFUL FIGURE...

AAHH!

I GET THE FEELING MY CLOTHES WON'T FIT HER...

I really get that feeling...

POSSESSED BY THE SPIRIT OF THE HORSE...

SUCH A BEAUTIFUL FEISTY...

...YOUNG WOMAN!

UH, UM, I'LL GO GET YOU A CHANGE OF CLOTHES! OKAY?!!

AH... OKAY.

Th-th-they're dry, so...

Please do.

WHAT A SURPRISE!!

I NEVER IMAGINED I'D MEET ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE ZODIAC HERE!



DON'T  
TELL  
ANYONE!!



!!

AH...

I'M  
WARNING  
YOU...



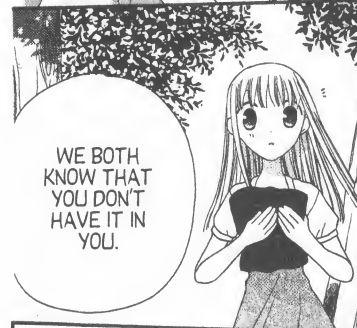
...I'LL  
KILL  
YOU!

IF YOU  
DO...

...DON'T TELL  
ANY OF THE  
OTHERS  
THAT I WAS  
HERE.



ALL  
RIGHT?!  
AND WHAT-  
EVER YOU  
DO...



WE BOTH  
KNOW THAT  
YOU DON'T  
HAVE IT IN  
YOU.



...

KILL ME?



...AKITO'S  
TOY!

...BUT  
YOU'RE  
NOTHING  
BUT...

YOU  
TALK  
BIG...

UM...

tup  
tup

?



THERE'S...  
...LITTLE...

NN...?

...THAT I  
CAN DO,  
BUT...



YUKI-  
KUN...

I'LL TRY TO  
GET BACK  
EARLY,  
TODAY.

WELL...  
SORRY FOR  
RUSHING  
OFF.



I'LL...

...BE  
WAITING.



SH-SHE'S  
GONE!

She's so fast...

BUT WHY...?  
WHAT  
WOULD RIN  
COME HERE  
FOR?

I HOPE  
SHE'LL BE ALL  
RIGHT... SHE  
SEEMED TO BE  
FEELING SICK.

YUKI-  
KUN...?



ISUZU-  
SAN!!

UH, UM,  
PLEASE  
WAIT-!

A WOMAN  
WHO CAN TALK  
TOUGH WHILE  
COMPLETELY  
NAKED...  
AMAZING.



LEAVE RIN  
TO ME.

IT'S ALL  
RIGHT.



Y-YES,  
BUT, UM...

FOR NOW,  
LET'S KEEP  
QUIET ABOUT  
SEEING HER.

I KNOW. I  
WANT TO GO  
AFTER HER,  
TOO. BUT I'LL  
BE IN TROUBLE  
IF I DON'T GET  
BACK...

...SINCE  
I SNEAKED  
AWAY.

EH?!  
Really?





DAMN...

SO...

DAMN!

...THAT  
MUST  
MEAN...

DAMMIT!

DAMMIT!

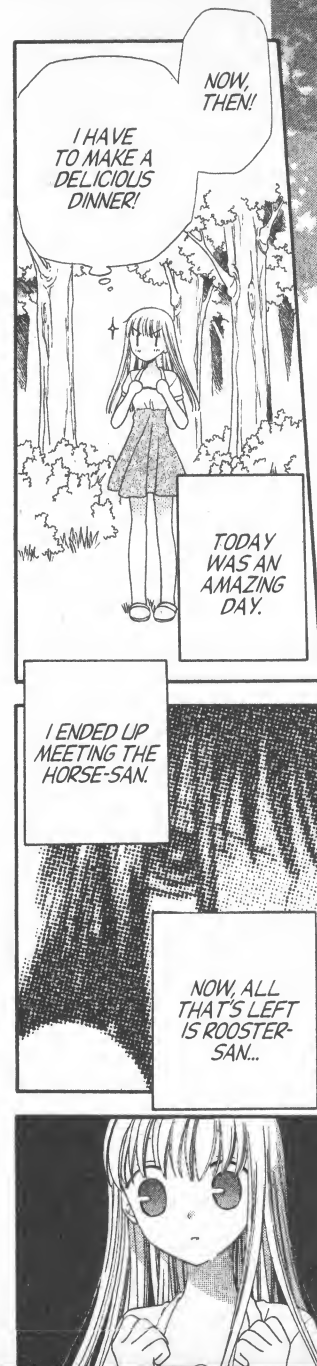
.....

.....!

THAT  
MUST  
MEAN  
THAT...

TOMOR-  
ROW...

...AKITO-  
SAN IS...



NOW,  
THEN!

I HAVE  
TO MAKE A  
DELICIOUS  
DINNER!

TODAY  
WAS AN  
AMAZING  
DAY.

I ENDED UP  
MEETING THE  
HORSE-SAN.

NOW, ALL  
THAT'S LEFT  
IS ROOSTER-  
SAN...



OKAY.

WAIT  
FOR ME.



## Chapter 62





...THE  
ROOSTER...

...I WONDER  
IF THE  
LAST ONE...



I MET ISUZU  
SOH,MA-SAN,  
WHO IS  
POSSESSED  
WITH THE  
SPIRIT OF  
THE HORSE...

...AND  
THEN...

...I  
THOUGHT...

Filler  
Sketch



Summer Memories





OH, WOW.  
YOU'RE IN  
SYNCH.

EHHH?!  
H?  
H?  
H?!

JUST  
A... WAIT.  
THAT MEANS  
SHE'S...!

WOW...

THAT'S  
AMAZING...  
THAT'S  
WONDERFUL!

HUH?

IT'S NOT  
TO THE  
BANQUET...

BUT  
EVEN SO...

YOU'VE BEEN  
INVITED,  
KYO-KUN...

YOU TOO,  
KYO-KUN!!



TOHRU-KUN,  
MAY I HAVE  
A MOMENT?

BUT, FOR  
SOME REASON,  
I'M KIND OF  
AFRAID TO  
ASK ANYONE!

...IS  
REALLY  
...

...AKITO-  
SAN?"



AKITO-SAN  
TOLD ME TO  
BRING YOU...

...OVER  
THERE.

SO, I'M  
SORRY. I'M  
BORROWING  
HIM TODAY,  
TOHRU-KUN.



YES... HUH?!  
SHIGURE-SAN,  
I THOUGHT YOU  
HAD ALREADY  
LEFT FOR  
AKITO-SAN'S?

YUP. BUT  
I FORGOT  
SOMETHING.  
KYO-KUN.

HUH?



Yes...!  
Come  
back  
safe!



IT'S  
"WONDERFUL,"  
ISN'T IT?



BE A  
GOOD  
GIRL...

tonk

...AND WAIT  
FOR ME TO  
COME BACK,  
OKAY?



OOH,  
SCARY.

ARE YOU  
ONLY NICE  
TO TOHRU-  
KUN, THEN?



SHUT UP.  
BE QUIET...

THIS SUMMONS  
CAN'T BE A  
GOOD THING...



IT'S  
REALLY  
...



...WONDERFUL...  
ISN'T IT?



THAT'S  
WONDER-  
FUL...

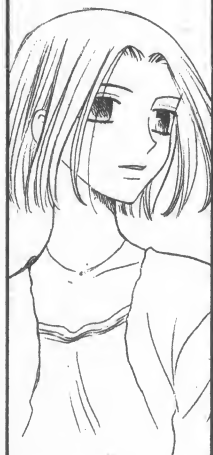


IT'S  
WONDERFUL,  
ISN'T IT?

...KYO-  
KUN!

THE CAT  
SAN GETS  
TO JOIN  
THEM.

Kana



Actually, I've been asked the "When snow melts..." question. A loooong time ago. At the time, I thought I would be moved to tears if I heard them answer "It becomes spring." Because I, of course, would have answered, "It becomes water."



IT'S THE SAME...

SHE'S BEEN...

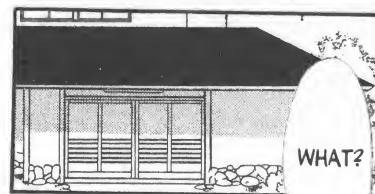
...LEFT ALONE AGAIN!

...AS ON NEW YEAR'S.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU ALL DOING?!

DID YOU...

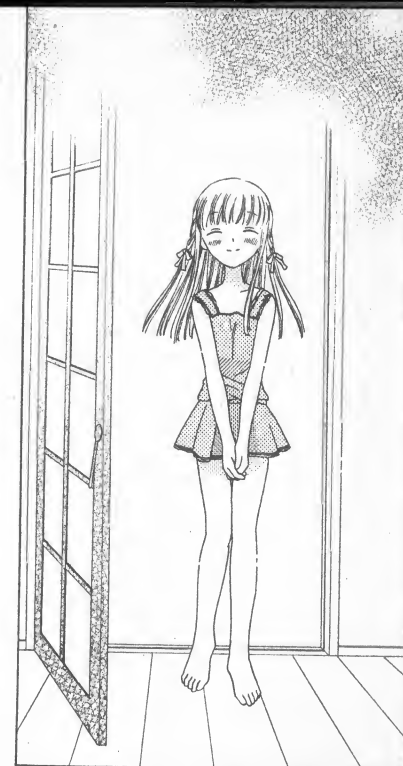
...COME HERE ON VACATION SO YOU COULD JUST LEAVE HER BY HERSELF?!



WHAT?



WHAT'S GOING ON?



GO SEE HIM.

DON'T TELL ME AKITO CALLED FOR HIM?

I ONLY DO WHAT I'M TOLD.

KYO-KUN, AKITO-SAN IS IN THE INNER ROOM.





SHUT  
THE HELL  
UP, YOU  
BASTARD!!

I'LL WARN  
YOU ONE  
MORE  
TIME...

THEN  
WHY...

...ARE YOU  
HERE?

DON'T BE  
STUPID AND  
LOSE IT IN  
FRONT OF  
AKITO.

YOU CAN'T GO  
AGAINST AKITO  
EITHER...

...SO DON'T  
TALK LIKE  
YOU'RE SO  
SUPERIOR.





IT'S BEEN  
A WHILE  
SINCE WE'VE  
SPOKEN  
FACE TO  
FACE.

WELCOME...

IT'S ALL  
RIGHT.

COME IN.

MY...

THAT...

...IN THE  
END...

...THAT'S  
ALL WE  
ARE.

MY POOR  
LITTLE  
MONSTER...



...ARE BOTH  
MADE THAT  
WAY.

HE NEEDS  
TO REALIZE  
THAT HE...

...AND I...

NO  
MORE.

NO...

WHY DIDN'T YOU  
FIGHT BACK LIKE  
USUAL, YUKI? IT  
WOULD HAVE  
BEEN FUN.

I SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW.

"BE A GOOD GIRL AND WAIT FOR ME TO COME BACK, OKAY?"

...COME BACK FEELING EVEN A LITTLE BIT HAPPY.

HOW...

...IS OUR BET GOING?

IS AKITO-SAN...

...REALLY THE ROOSTER?

KYO-KLIN...

HE MUST HAVE ARRIVED AT THE OTHER HOUSE BY NOW.

I WONDER IF, WITH KYO-KLIN TOO, AKITO-SAN HAS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP...?

...IF AKITO-SAN IS SOMEONE KYO-KLIN FEARS...?

BUT...I WAS SO EXCITED, I DIDN'T REALIZE...

...THAT GOING OVER THERE MEANS THAT HE'LL SEE AKITO-SAN.

I WONDER IF THEY'RE HAVING A MEAL TOGETHER...?





...THAT'S  
JUST  
HOW IT IS,  
HAVEN'T I?

THE FATE  
SET BY  
YOUR  
BLOOD.

"SHUT  
UP!"

"YOU  
THINK...  
YOU THINK  
I CARE  
ABOUT  
FATE?"

"I'LL  
SMASH  
THAT  
FATE!"

"I WILL  
BEAT  
YUKI..."


"I WILL BEAT  
HIM...I WILL  
BEAT HIM!!"

I'VE  
TOLD  
YOU...

YOU WILL  
NEVER IN YOUR  
LIFE BE ABLE  
TO BEAT YUKI.

THAT'S HOW  
YOU WERE  
MADE FROM  
THE BEGINNING.

IT'S THE COURSE  
OF DESTINY  
CARVED OUT BY  
THOSE POSSESSED  
BY VENGEFUL  
SPIRITS...



FROM THE  
BEGINNING, THE  
CAT WAS MADE  
SUCH THAT...

IT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE,  
ISN'T IT?

YOU CAN'T  
WIN, CAN  
YOU?

YOU JUST  
CAN'T BEAT  
HIM, CAN  
YOU?

I TOLD YOU,  
DIDN'T I?

...IT CAN  
NEVER BEAT  
THE RAT.

THE  
BET YOU  
MADE  
WITH  
ME...

...ABOUT  
WHETHER  
OR NOT  
YOU COULD  
BEAT YUKI.

YOU CAN'T  
...

...CAN  
YOU?



ring

YOU WOULD  
TELL ME...

HOW... HOW  
DARE YOU JUST  
DECIDE THAT?!

THERE'S  
STILL TIME!!

YOU DON'T  
KNOW THAT!!

SNATCH

...THAT  
WHICH  
I DON'T  
KNOW?



WHY...?

HAVE  
YOU  
FORGOT-  
TEN?

WHY WON'T  
YOU UNDER-  
STAND...?

SMACK

!



IT  
LOOKS  
TO ME...

ring

"BECAUSE IF  
YOU CAN'T BEAT  
HIM, THEN YOU  
REALLY ARE..."

"I'LL EVEN  
LET YOU JOIN  
THE ZODIAC."

"BUT..."

...IN THE  
CASE THAT  
YOU DON'T  
BEAT HIM...

"WELL THEN,  
SHALL WE  
MAKE A BET?"

"IF YOU REALLY  
CAN BEAT YUKI  
BY THE TIME  
YOU GRADUATE  
HIGH SCHOOL..."

"I'LL STOP  
CALLING YOU  
A MONSTER."

...LIKE I'LL  
BE WINNING  
THAT BET.

...NOTHING  
BUT DIRT."

...I'LL PUT YOU  
IN CONFINEMENT  
UNTIL YOU DIE."

DON'T  
GIVE ME  
ORDERS.

STOP  
IT!

STOP IT!  
DON'T  
TOUCH  
ME...!

EVEN THOUGH  
SHE GAVE BIRTH  
TO A MONSTER  
IN HUMAN SKIN,  
SHE BRAVELY  
PROTECTED IT...  
RAISED IT...

BUT IN THE  
END, IT WAS  
TOO MUCH  
FOR HER.  
THE LITTLE  
MONSTER  
KILLED  
HER.

AND NOW THAT  
MONSTER, HER  
SON, WON'T  
EVEN MOURN  
HER DEATH.

YOUR POOR  
MOTHER...

"KYO..."

WHA...

THAT...

THAT'S  
NOT...

THAT IS  
WHY.

NO...! IT'S...  
NOT MY  
FAULT!

IT IS YOUR  
FAULT.

THAT  
YOUR  
MOTHER  
DIED.

WHY DO YOU  
MISUNDER-  
STAND SO  
MUCH?

YOU NEED TO  
REMEMBER.  
REMEMBER...

...THAT  
YOU ARE A  
MONSTER.

YOU...

...KILLED YOUR  
MOTHER.

AND IT IS  
BECAUSE  
YOU ARE A  
MONSTER...





I DID.

I KILLED  
HER.



STOP  
IT!!



PLEASE...

JUST  
STOP.

PLEASE  
STOP.



...BECAUSE  
OF YOU."

"KYO,  
DON'T  
YOU..."

...UNDERSTAND  
YOUR MOTHER'S  
FEELINGS?"

"SHE KILLED  
HERSELF..."

"THAT  
WASN'T AN  
ACCIDENT. IT  
WAS SUICIDE."

"DON'T YOU  
UNDERSTAND  
HOW HARD IT  
WAS ON HER?"

"CAN A  
MONSTER  
LIKE YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND?"



YOU...

HOWEVER  
YOU LOOK AT  
IT, EVERYONE  
WOULD HAVE  
BEEN A LOT  
HAPPIER...

...IF YOU HAD  
NEVER BEEN  
BORN.

...SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
THE ONE  
TO DIE.



I MEAN,  
IF ANY  
SENSIBLE  
PERSON  
SAW YOU  
IN THAT  
FORM...

...THEY  
WOULD RUN  
AWAY.

HOW...

TOHRU  
HONDA IS A  
MONSTER.

ISN'T SHE  
JUST A  
LITTLE  
*TOO* GOOD?


SO GOOD  
NATURED,  
IT'S REALLY  
RATHER  
FRIGHTENING?

NO HUMAN  
BEING IS  
LIKE THAT.

SHE'S A  
FREAK, JUST  
LIKE YOU.

HOW CAN  
YOU...

HOW CAN  
YOU SAY  
THAT ABOUT  
HER?!



...BECAUSE  
OF TOHRU  
HONDA?

PERHAPS THE  
REASON YOU'VE  
BEEN SPURRED ON  
IN YOUR MISUNDER-  
STANDING IS...

YOU KNOW...  
I'VE BEEN  
THINKING.

JUST LIKE  
AN ANGEL?  
OR THE HOLY  
MOTHER?

HOW...  
DO YOU  
KNOW?

IT REALLY  
IS AMAZING,  
ISN'T IT?

OR  
RATHER...

...A  
MONSTER?

I HEAR SHE  
SAW YOUR TRUE  
FORM, BUT ISN'T  
UPSET BY IT.

AMAZING,  
ISN'T IT?

HER FACE  
WAS PALE...

SHE WAS  
TERRIFIED.

...AND HER  
VOICE...

...WERE  
SHAKING...

...WITH  
FEAR

AND  
SHE  
STILL  
...

SHE--

SHE STILL  
DIDN'T  
RUN AWAY  
BECAUSE--

OH,  
SHUT UP.

SHE STILL  
DIDN'T RUN  
AWAY FROM  
ME BECAUSE--

SHUT UP!  
SHUT UP!

SHE HELD  
ON TO  
MY HAND  
BECAUSE--

AHHH!!

AHHH!!

HER  
HANDS...

IT'S NOT LIKE  
YOU WERE BORN  
A MONSTER, SO  
HOW WOULD  
YOU...?!

YOU  
DON'T...

YOU DIDN'T  
SEE IT, SO  
HOW...?

YOU WEREN'T  
THERE WHEN  
IT HAPPENED!

YOU DON'T  
KNOW ANY-  
THING...

YOU DON'T  
KNOW HOW  
SCARED SHE  
WAS THEN!

SO HOW  
CAN YOU  
SAY THOSE  
THINGS?!



...IS THAT...

...SHE'S NOT  
AFRAID TO BE  
BY MY SIDE.

THAT  
SHE'LL GET  
EXCITED  
ABOUT TINY  
THINGS...

...AND  
BE HAPPY  
WHEN WE'RE  
TOGETHER.

...AND  
SMILE...

I WISH SHE  
WOULD  
THINK ABOUT  
ONLY HER-  
SELF MORE.

SO, WHY?

DOESN'T SHE  
EVER REGRET  
WASTING TIME  
WITH ME?

OR  
THINK IT'S  
STUPID?

OR REALIZE  
THAT I HAVE  
NOTHING TO  
OFFER?

WHY?

...SHE TOOK  
AWAY ALL  
OF MY PAIN.

THERE'S  
NO WAY  
SHE COULD  
FILL THAT  
CHASM.

BUT THAT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER.

I COULDN'T  
EXPECT  
HER TO  
"FIX" ME.  
WHAT'S  
IMPORTANT  
IS...

IT'S NOT  
LIKE...

I MIGHT  
NEVER  
HAVE...

...I WOULD...

SHE KNEW  
THAT IF  
SHE LET  
GO OF MY  
HAND...

...PROBABLY  
NEVER HAVE  
COME BACK.

...TRUSTED  
ANYONE  
EVER  
AGAIN.



"KYO-KUN..."

"KYO-KUN..."

"YUKI?"

"THAT MIGHT JUST BE STUPID TO SOME PEOPLE..."

"...BUT IT'S NOT STUPID TO ME."

"KYO?"

"WHEN YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES, WHAT DO YOU THINK?"



"IT'S POINTLESS TO JUST THINK ABOUT THOSE THINGS."

"THE TRAVELER DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THEM."

## Chapter 63



I LOVE  
YOU..

...THE WAY  
YOU ARE.



I LOVE YOU  
SO MUCH!



I LOVE  
YOU.





WHEN DID IT START?

"THIS IS FUN!"

...WOULD DO ANYTHING...

...OVER AND OVER AGAIN...

...IF I KNEW IT WOULD MAKE HER SMILE?

WHEN DID I START THINKING THAT...

"KYO-KUN!"

WHEN DID I START TELLING MYSELF THAT I...

...MY NAME HAD A SPECIAL RING TO IT WHENEVER SHE WOULD SAY IT?

WHEN DID I START...

Filler Sketch



Somehow, it seems like I've gotten into a rut of only drawing girls.  
By the way, this is Kagura.

...TO FALL IN  
LOVE WITH A  
MONSTER.

FOR A  
MONSTER...

snicker

.....  
!

...WHAT?

ARE YOU  
MORTI-  
FIED?

COULD  
IT BE...

...THAT  
YOU "LOVE"  
HER?

YOU AND  
TOHRU  
HONDA...

THAT  
WOULD BE  
PERFECT!

TOHRU...

...LOVING YOU  
SO MUCH I  
COULDN'T  
STAND IT?

ARE YOU  
CRYING?

KYO...

WHY  
ARE YOU  
CRYING?

Mayu-chan-  
sensei



She might be the type who's kind of sad that she's a woman. That might be why Shigure likes her. Poor thing... At any rate, she's popular among the female students and has problems like getting love letters from them. Also, she's secretly insecure about how tall she is. But Hatori is tall, too, so they might look pretty good together as a tall couple.



FOR  
WHAT?

I DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND.

BUT...

--DRAGGING  
HER INTO  
THIS FOR?

IS HE  
TRYING  
TO USE  
HER?

IS HE...

...USING  
HER?



IT'S  
NOT MY  
FAULT.

IT'S YOUR  
FAULT FOR  
REFUSING  
TO UNDER-  
STAND!

AND THAT  
WOMAN'S FOR  
THINKING SHE'S  
SO SPECIAL EVEN  
THOUGH SHE'S AN  
OUTSIDER!

WHY ARE  
YOU LOOKING  
AT ME LIKE  
THAT?



IF YOU HATE  
HER THAT  
MUCH...

...THEN WHY  
DID YOU LET  
HER LIVE  
IN THAT  
HOUSE?!

IF  
YOU--!!



WHAT  
ARE YOU--

SCHEMING.

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
THINKING?!

THAT'S  
MESSED UP!!  
YOU COULD  
HAVE JUST  
SAID "NO"!!





YOU THINK  
YOU'D BE  
ALLOWED  
SUCH A  
THING?!

"I WON'T ALLOW IT."

WHO IS  
THE ONE  
MOST AT  
FAULT?

THINK  
CAREFULLY.

SAY,  
KYO...

...KYO.

"I WON'T ALLOW IT."

...IS THE ONE  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR PUTTING  
YOU IN THIS  
AWKWARD  
POSITION?

WHO...

...LOVE THAT  
WOMAN?!

WHAT'S  
YOU'RE  
PROBLEM?  
DO YOU  
ACTUALLY  
...

AKITO...!

...ME...

YOU  
ALWAYS  
MAKE...

...OUT TO  
BE THE  
BAD GUY!

...YOU THINK  
YOU HAVE  
THE RIGHT  
TO FALL IN  
LOVE?!

YOU KILLED  
YOUR OWN  
MOTHER,  
AND NOW...

YOU  
DESPICABLE  
MONSTER!

YOU'RE  
EVEN MORE  
FOOLISH  
THAN I  
THOUGHT!

I...!

I'LL NEVER  
FALL IN  
LOVE...

THERE'S  
NO WAY I'D  
LOVE HER!!

I WOULD  
NEVER...

...IN MY  
WHOLE  
LIFE LOVE  
ANYONE!

NO  
MORE.

...TO SAY  
BAD THINGS  
ABOUT HER  
BECAUSE  
OF ME.

THAT'S  
...

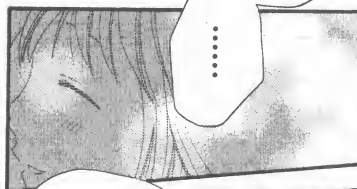
...RIGHT...

....

I SEE I WAS  
JUMPING TO  
CONCLUSIONS.

FOR ONCE,  
YOU'VE JUDGED  
WISELY.

THAT'S RIGHT.  
OBVIOUSLY,  
YOU DON'T  
LOVE HER.



...LOVE  
HER.



"IT'S YOUR  
FAULT!"





I LIKE YOU.

I REALLY...

...DO LOVE YOU...

...KYO.



FROM NOW ON...

...BE A GOOD BOY...

...DURING THE SHORT TIME YOU HAVE LEFT...

...LIVING ON THE "OUTSIDE."



IT'S ALL RIGHT.

EVEN WHEN YOU'RE LOCKED UP, I'LL GO SEE YOU.

I'LL BE WITH YOU...



...SO YOU WON'T BE LONELY.

BUT...

clench

...YOU CAN'T STAND ME...



IF YOU DRAG IN THAT WOMAN...

...OR KAZUMA ...

...OR ANYONE ELSE, ANY FURTHER, IT WOULD ONLY END UP HURTING THEM.

YOU CAN'T BEAT YUKI, ANYWAY.

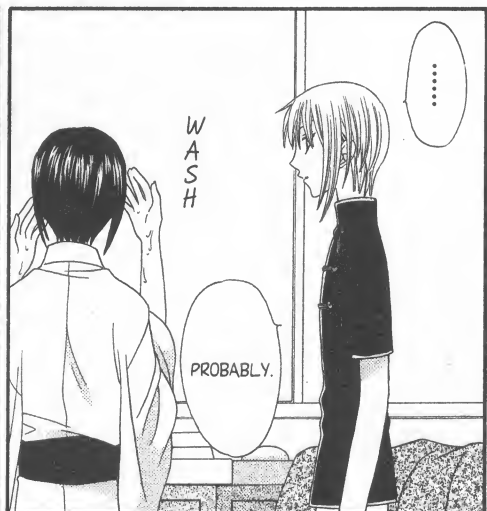
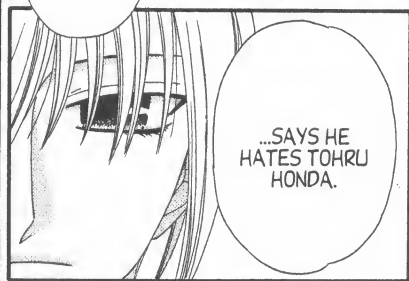
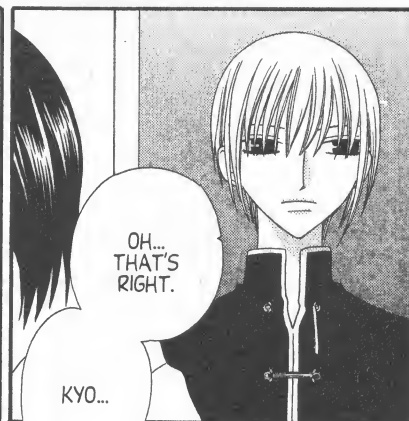
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE YOU'LL BE CONFINED.

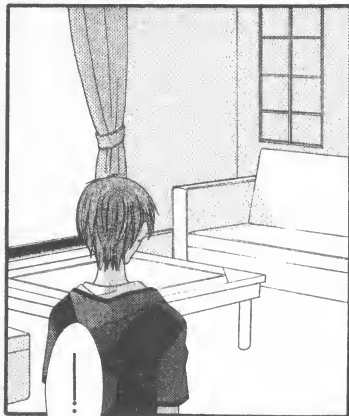
BUT THAT'S...

THE BEST THING WOULD BE FOR YOU TO NOT EXIST.

...FOR THE BEST, YOU KNOW?







...AM I  
ALIVE?



SHAME-  
LESSLY  
FORCING  
MY EXIS-  
TENCE ON  
PEOPLE...



SO  
WHY AM  
I STILL...



...EVEN  
NOW.

C  
R  
E  
A  
K



...DONE  
ANYTHING  
BUT HURT  
PEOPLE.



"YOU  
THINK..."



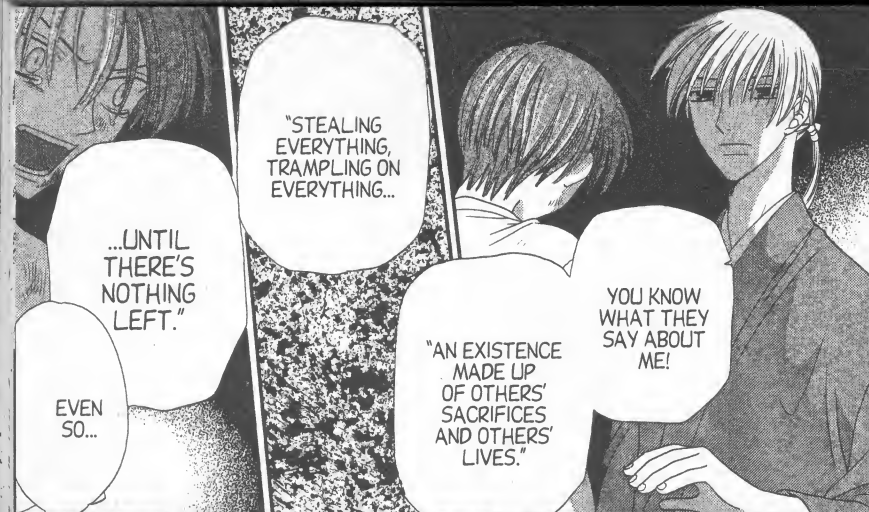
...HE COULD  
HATE HER.



I KNOW...

"...THE ONE  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR PUTTING  
YOU IN THIS  
AWKWARD  
POSITION..."

I KNOW!!



"STEALING EVERYTHING, TRAMPLING ON EVERYTHING..."

...UNTIL THERE'S NOTHING LEFT."

EVEN SO...

"AN EXISTENCE MADE UP OF OTHERS' SACRIFICES AND OTHERS' LIVES."

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT ME!



...YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN UP HOPE, IS IT NOT?

...THE REASON YOU ARE ALIVE NOW...

...IS THAT...



YOU KNOW THIS, DON'T YOU?

...IN THIS WORLD HAS REJECTED YOU.

IT'S NOT TRUE THAT EVERYONE...



"IT WOULD BE A SHAME..."

...IF YOU STEPPED ON IT."

"WAIT, KYO."

"KYO..."

WHY BOTHER PROTECTING SUCH A TINY FLOWER?

WHAT'S THE POINT?

SHISHOU...



I'M SORRY,  
SHISHOU.  
NOW...

I'M  
SORRY...

"...IT WILL  
SURELY  
BLOOM."

...I  
UNDER-  
STAND.

BACK THEN,  
I PRETENDED  
NOT TO UNDER-  
STAND YOU...

...BUT DEEP  
DOWN  
INSIDE,  
I KNEW,  
REALLY.

I KNEW.

JUST LIKE  
THERE IS  
DESPAIR  
IN THE  
WORLD...

THERE ARE  
PEOPLE...

...WHO WILL  
HOLD OUT  
THEIR HAND  
TO YOU.

AND  
AGAIN...

AND  
AGAIN...

JUST AS, NO  
MATTER HOW  
HARD YOU TRY  
TO KEEP IT  
AWAY...

...DESPAIR  
WILL ATTACK  
YOU AGAIN  
AND AGAIN.

IN THE  
SAME  
MANNER...

...HOPE  
WILL  
RETURN  
TO YOU.

EVEN  
IF...

...YOU DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
NOW...

...SURELY  
IT WILL  
COME TO  
YOU AGAIN.

I DON'T  
...

I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
YOU'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT.

YOU  
DO.

I DON'T...  
HAVE ANY  
HOPE.

NO I  
DON'T  
!!

I DON'T...



...SMALL  
FLOWER.

IT KEPT  
BLOSSOMING.

...SHE'S  
LONELY,  
TOO."

A  
SMALL...

"I'M  
SURE..."

"MY  
TREASURE."

...EVEN  
SO...

...IT  
BLOSSOMED  
IN FRONT  
OF ME.



SHE  
WON'T...

"YOU'RE  
LONELY,  
AREN'T  
YOU?"



...SAD."

I COULDN'T  
FULFILL  
IT, BUT...

"A MAN'S  
PROMISE."

"I  
THINK..."

...I MADE  
HER...

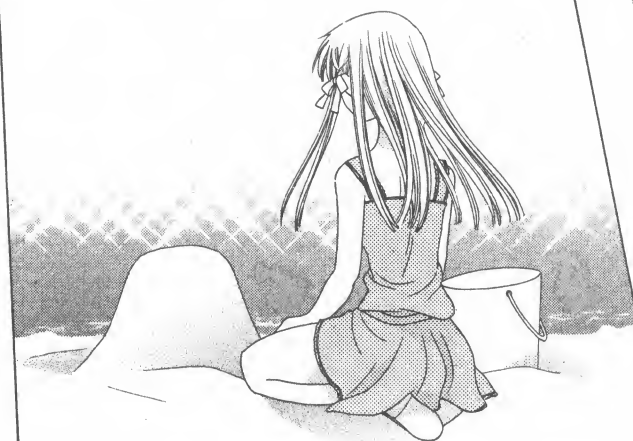
"COME  
ON..."

...SPLUNKY."

...EVER  
COME  
BACK.



...FLOWER.



A TINY...







I LOVE YOU.

I DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANYTHING ANYMORE...

I DID WISH...

I DON'T WANT TO TRAMPLE ANYTHING...

...EVER AGAIN.

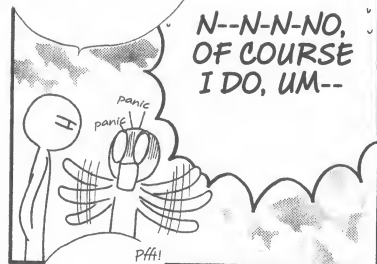
...THAT YOU WOULD STICK WITH ME WHEREVER I ENDED UP...



WHAT? DO YOU NOT WANT ME BACK?

EH?!

N--N-N-NO, OF COURSE I DO, UM--



I WAS KIDDING.



WELCOME BACK, KYO-KUN!

WELCOME BACK...





UMM...

FISH.

ROGER!!  
TODAY, I WILL  
WAVE MY  
ARMS AND--



UWAH!



THAT'S RIGHT,  
KYO-KUN!

WHAT WOULD  
YOU LIKE FOR  
DINNER?!



MAN...

YOU'RE  
HOPELESS.

カラ  
grab!



badum

badum

badum

badum

badum

LOOK,  
YOU.

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO WAVE  
YOUR ARMS, JUST  
WATCH YOUR  
STEP.

Y-yes!  
I-I'm  
sorry!

Tha-tha-that was  
close...wasn't it...?



"I WON'T ALLOW IT."



...AT LEAST,  
DURING THE  
TIME I HAVE  
LEFT...

BUT  
PLEASE...  
AT LEAST...

...I DON'T  
WISH  
THAT  
ANY-  
MORE.

BUT...

"IF YOU  
DRAGGED THEM  
IN ANY FURTHER,  
IT WOULD ONLY  
END UP HURTING  
THEM."

I COULDN'T  
POSSIBLY...

I WANT--

AH!

...WISH MY  
FATE ON  
YOU.

I WON'T  
WISH IT.





## Chapter 64

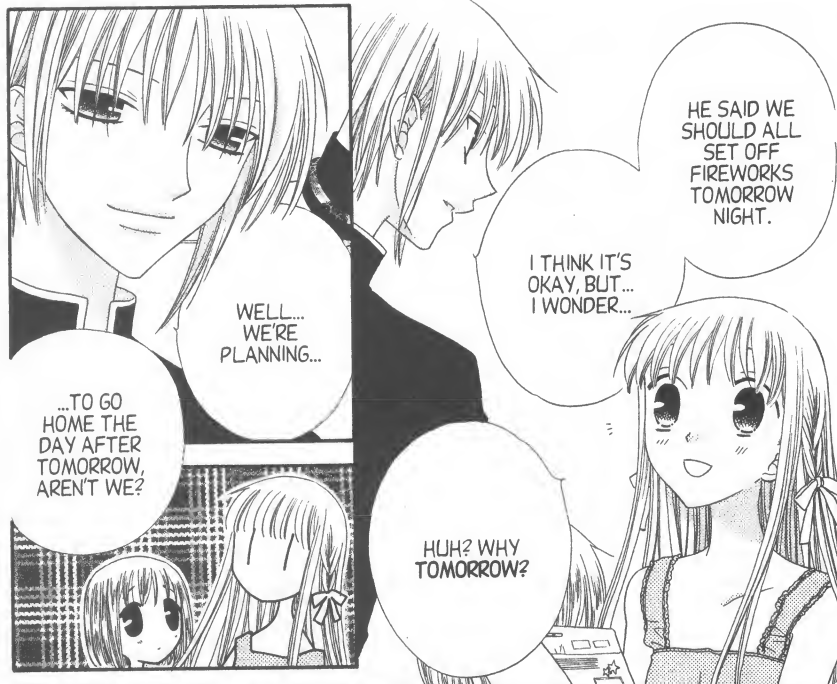


I WANT  
TO BE  
NEAR YOU..

I WANT TO  
BE WITH  
YOU 'TIL  
THE END.

...UNTIL THE  
TIME WHEN  
I MUST GO  
AWAY.





I-I WASN'T!

I WAS  
HAPPY.

BEING ABLE TO  
SPEND SUMMER  
WITH EVERYONE  
LIKE THIS...

I REALLY  
WAS...

...SO VERY  
HAPPY.

I...

MOMIJI SAID  
WE SHOULD  
AT LEAST...

...END OUR  
VACATION  
WITH A  
PLEASANT  
MEMORY.

AFTER  
ALL...

...THE WAY  
THINGS  
ENDED UP...

...WE MIGHT  
HAVE MADE  
YOU VERY  
LONELY.



# Shishou

I always end up drawing him so young...

...but he's actually almost forty.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY FIREWORKS THAT BIG, JUST SO YOU KNOW.

...THAT RENDS THE DARKNESS.

WE'LL LAUNCH THEM WITH A BANG...

Ah!

IT'S TIME FOR THE MOGETA ANIME SPECIAL!

KISA, LET'S WATCH!

jo/t

YEAH!

OH... YEAH...

HE SAID HE WOULD WATCH, TOO...

H...UH? WHAT ABOUT MOMIJI ONII-CHAN...?

I wanted it to be just the two of us.

There was a woman he was going out with, but they disagreed on so much that they had to break up. His head is so full with thoughts of his "son" that it seems he's content. Even though they're not close blood relatives, he became Kyo's father because he felt he should, or something. His over-fondness for his child may not surpass Kyoko's, but it's at least on par with hers. Oh, and he's clumsy with his hands and has no sense of flavor.

PRECIOUS TIME.

...FIREWORKS!

I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

SO...

YEAH.



...TO SEE  
AKITO,  
RIGHT?

TOMORROW,  
YOU'RE NOT  
GOING...

WHAT  
ABOUT...  
ME?

...BUT I'M SURE  
IT'S A VERY  
GOOD THING.

KYO?



RIGHT.

IF...

...I  
THOUGHT  
THAT...

...WOULD  
YOU BE  
MAD?

REALLY?!

THAT'S  
GREAT!!



WHEN YUKI-  
KUN CAME  
HERE...

...SOME-  
THING  
CHANGED.



AND  
KYO-  
KUN,  
TOO.

I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT  
IT IS...



EVEN  
FOR  
YUKI-  
KUN...

...AND  
KYO-  
KUN.



I'LL GO  
TELL HIM  
IT'S ON!

PRECIOUS  
TIME.

What's  
Mogeta?

What's  
it like?

THAT'S  
WHAT  
THIS IS  
TO ME...

...A  
mixture?

Romance

No, it's an  
intense  
drama!

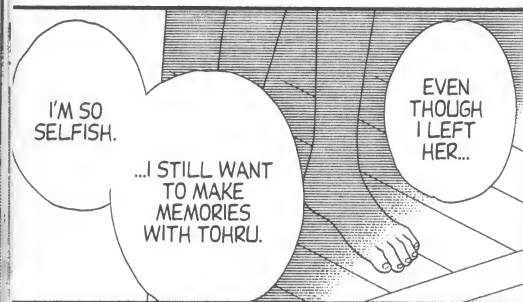
...AND I'M  
SURE THAT  
IT IS FOR  
EVERYONE  
ELSE, TOO.



...FROM  
THE BE-  
GINNING.

BUT  
WE'RE  
NOT.

WE... I WAS  
WRONG...



I'M SO  
SELFISH.

...I STILL WANT  
TO MAKE  
MEMORIES  
WITH TOHRU.

EVEN  
THOUGH  
I LEFT  
HER...



I CAN'T  
HELP IT.  
I JUST...

...LIKE  
TOHRU  
SO  
MUCH.



WHEN  
YOU...

...SAY  
IT LIKE  
THAT...

...YOU  
MAKE  
IT SEEM  
LIKE...

...WE'RE DOING  
SOMETHING  
VERY GOOD.



IT WOULD  
JUST PUT  
HER IN MORE  
DANGER.

YOU WERE  
ALL...



BUT  
YEAH... IF  
YOU CHOSE  
HER OVER  
AKITO...

...AKITO...

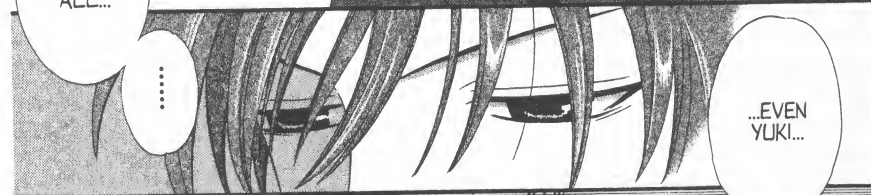
...WOULD  
GET MAD.



...AND  
GO TO SEE  
AKITO.

...WHY ALL OF  
YOU WOULD  
LEAVE TOHRU  
HANGING...

I WON-  
DERED  
...



...EVEN  
YUKI...

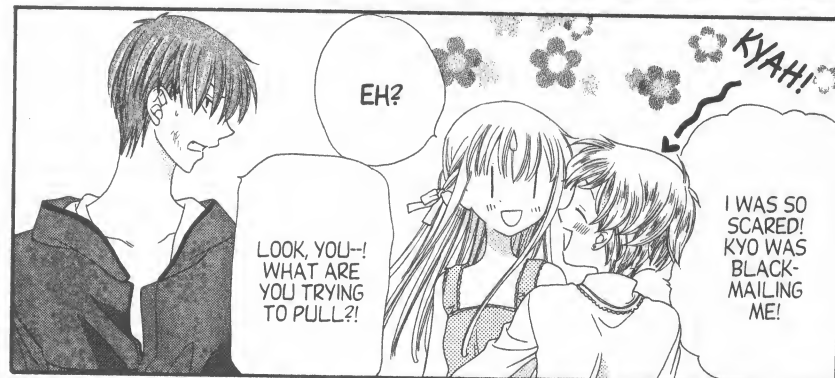


...FROM  
AKITO.

YOU WERE  
ALL...

...PROTECTING  
TOHRU...






...WARM  
PEOPLE.

WELL,  
SQUIRT...




SLUCH  
KIND...



LET ME GUESS.  
YOU LIKE HIM SO  
MUCH THAT YOU  
CAN'T LET HIM OUT  
OF YOUR SIGHT, LEST  
OTHERS CATCH A  
GLIMPSE OF HIM.  
AM I RIGHT?

NO  
REASON.




HE DOESN'T  
SEEM QUITE  
WELL  
RECENTLY.

I JUST  
THOUGHT  
A LITTLE  
VACATION  
WOULD BE  
GOOD FOR  
HIM.



...



MAYBE HE'S  
BEEN UNDER  
TOO MUCH  
STRESS?

...STRESS?

*I WISH  
I COULD  
HELP  
THEM.*

SO  
WHY...

...DID  
YOU MAKE  
KURENO-KUN  
COME WITH  
YOU THIS  
TIME?

I'M  
EXTREMELY  
CURIOUS.

*JUST LIKE  
EVERY-  
ONE HAS  
GIVEN ME SO  
MUCH...*

...I  
WISH...

...THERE WAS  
SOMETHING...

...I COULD  
DO FOR  
THEM.

I WANT  
TO...

...DO  
SOMETHING  
MORE.



THAT'S  
RIGHT!  
MOGETA!

MOMIJI-  
KUN, YOUR  
SHOW'S  
ABOUT TO  
START.

Mogeta...?

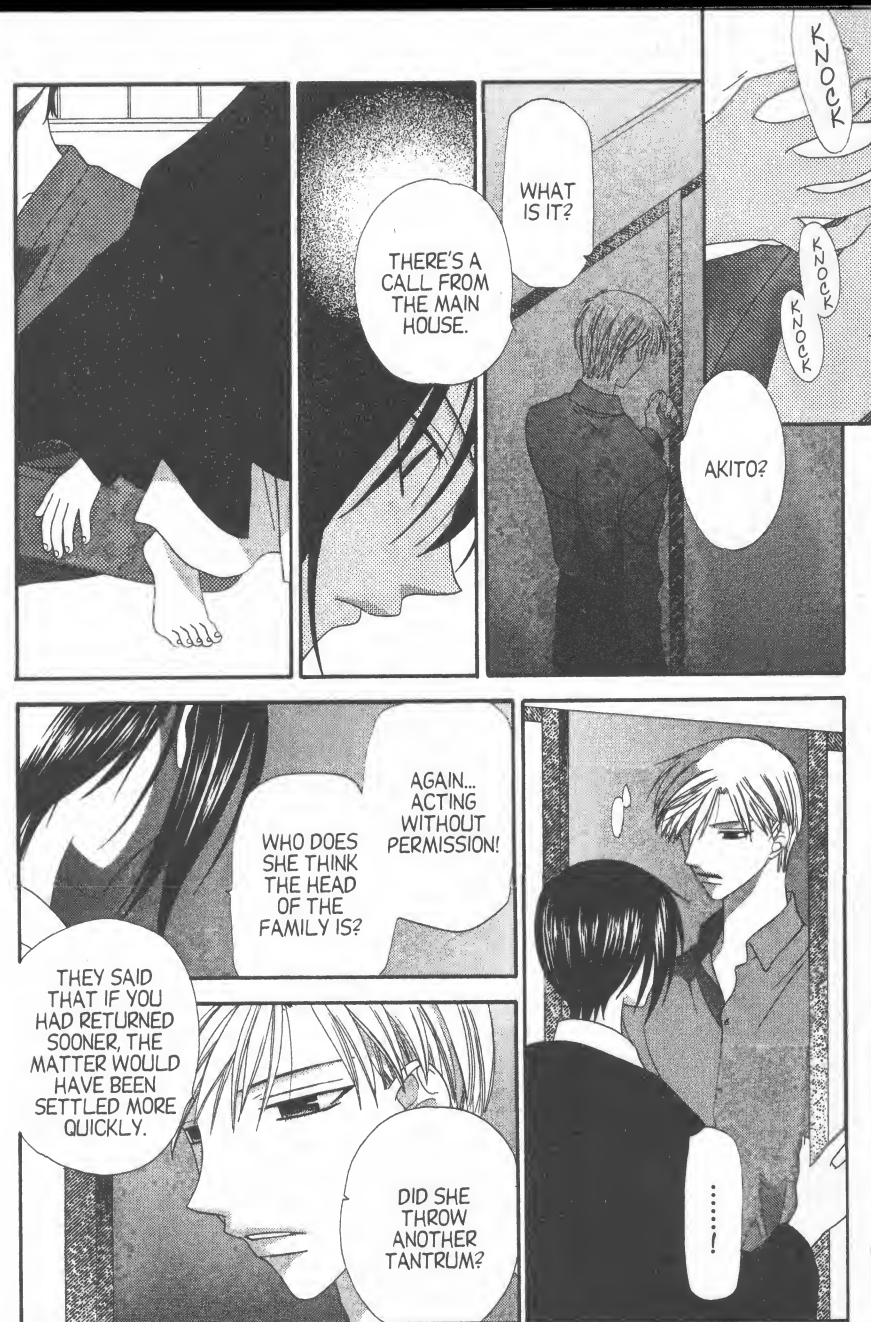
OH...THAT  
WEIRD  
ANIME?

I...

I WANT...

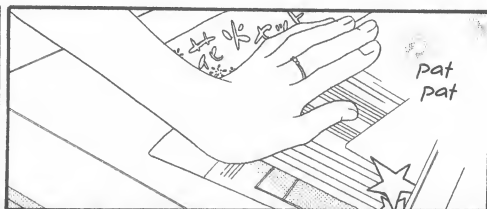




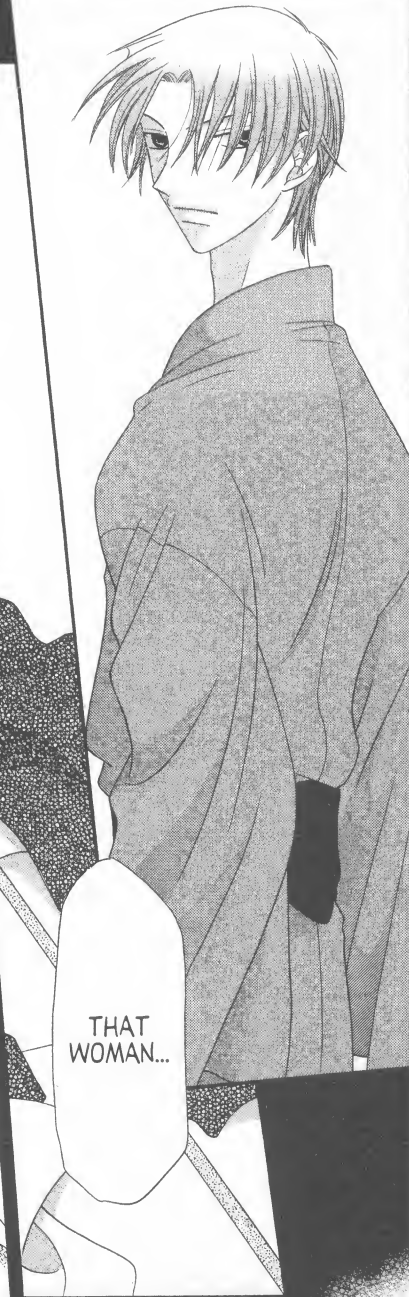




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THAT WOMAN...

SOMETHING  
CAME UP.

I HAVE  
TO GO HOME,  
NOW.

BUT I  
REALIZED  
...

...I HAVEN'T YET  
HAD A CHANCE  
TO MEET WITH...

...TOHRU  
HONDA-  
SAN.



I-I'm  
pathetic...

I'VE BEEN  
THINKING SO  
HARD ABOUT  
WHAT I  
CAN DO...

...MY BRAIN IS  
STARTING  
TO HURT!

I THINK I'LL  
TAKE A WALK  
TO COOL MY  
HEAD...

rustle











JUST LIKE THE PREVIOUS CAT BEFORE HIM.

FOR HIS WHOLE LIFE.

UNTIL HE DIES.

AND YUKI...

...WILL LIVE AND DIE WITH ME.

ALL OF THEM...

...WITH ME.

...WILL RETURN TO THE FAMILY COMPOUND...

NO ONE COMES IN...

...NO ONE WILL BE STOLEN AWAY.

ALWAYS REMAINING THE SAME.

...IN THE SAME HOME, FOLLOWING THE SAME PATH.

ALL OF THE JUUNISHI WILL LIVE...



DON'T GET CONCEITED...

...YOU LITTLE BITCH.

...WILL BE CONFINED JUST AS SOON AS HE LEAVES HIGH SCHOOL.

LET ME TELL YOU...

I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH.

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN "SAVE" YUKI OR KYO...

...YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOUR ARROGANCE.

KYO...



Filler  
Sketch



This is the rough sketch for the title page for chapter 65.

AND I  
WON'T...

...LET YOU  
JOIN US!

A HAPPY  
FUTURE.

AN ENDLESS  
BANQUET.

UNCHANGING.

**Chapter 65**



Nameplate: Sohma



"AN  
ENDLESS  
BANQUET."



"AND  
YUKI..."

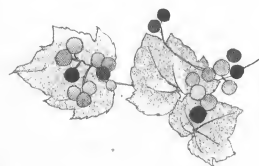


"WILL BE  
CONFINED..."

WOULD  
THAT...



I feel  
so grateful!



Sheesh...  
That's all she  
ever says...

Harada-sama, Araki-sama,  
Mom, Dad, and everyone  
who reads and supports this  
manga... Thank you so much!



Next is "I... I'm sorry..." Ritchan!

—Natsuki Takaya







...AS IF  
IT'S A BAD  
THING?

OUR WAY  
OF LIFE IS  
DIFFERENT  
FROM YOURS,  
OUTSIDER.

WHO DO YOU  
THINK YOU ARE  
TO JUDGE OUR  
WAYS WITH  
YOUR STORYBOOK  
VALUES?

drip



drip

drip

WHO...



...ARE  
YOU...?

...WOULD  
STOP  
EVERYONE...

BUT  
THAT...

...AS  
THEY'RE  
TRYING  
TO MOVE  
FORWARD.

EVERY-  
ONE'S  
FEELINGS

WOULD  
YOU STOP  
TALKING...



...HAPPY"?

WOULD  
THAT...

...REALLY  
BE...

BEING  
"LINCHING"...

...TO THE  
SOHMA  
HOME...

FORCING  
PEOPLE  
BACK...

LOCKING  
PEOPLE  
UP...

IS THAT  
REALLY  
WHAT  
YOU  
WANT?

TO  
THEM...

...I AM THE  
CLOSEST  
THING...

...THERE IS  
TO GOD.

"GOD..."

"ONCE UPON  
A TIME..."



...GOD TOLD  
ALL THE  
ANIMALS..."

AKITO-  
SAN...

...ISN'T THE  
ROOSTER.

WHAT...

AKITO-  
SAN IS  
DIFFERENT.

A  
DIFFERENT  
EXISTENCE  
...

...IS YOUR  
PLACE  
IN THE  
ZODIAC?

WHAT  
ARE YOU?

"ONCE  
UPON A  
TIME..."



I'VE BEEN  
LOOKING  
FOR YOU.

gasp!

AKITO...!



I'M SORRY,  
KURENO.

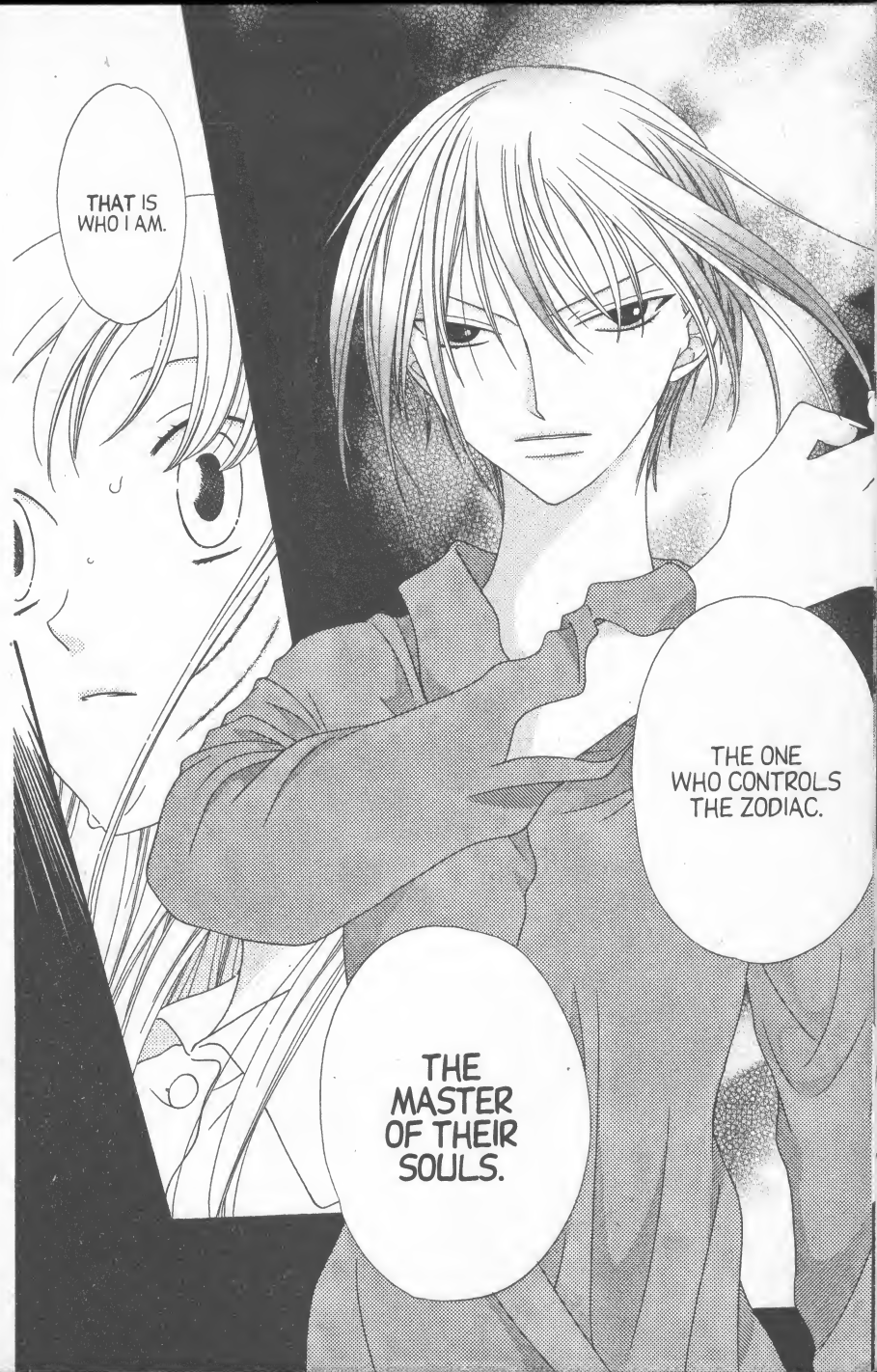
I JUST  
HAD TO SAY  
HELLO TO  
HER.

I WONDERED  
WHERE  
YOU'D GONE.



I'LL GO  
BACK NOW.

YOU'LL  
CATCH COLD  
OUT HERE.



THAT IS  
WHO I AM.

THE ONE  
WHO CONTROLS  
THE ZODIAC.

THE  
MASTER  
OF THEIR  
SOULS.





...WE CANNOT  
BE APART.

BECAUSE...

...THEY'LL  
ALL COME  
BACK TO ME.

IN THE  
END...



BE A  
GOOD GIRL.

STAY  
OUT OF IT.

SO  
STOP...

...TRYING TO  
DESTROY OUR  
"HAPPINESS."



...YOU'LL BE  
PUNISHED.

OTHERWISE...



...TO MEET  
YOU.

EH...?

OH... YES.  
  
LET ME  
INTRODUCE  
YOU.

PLEASED...



THE  
ROOSTER  
...

EH...UH,  
P-PLEASED  
TO...MEET  
YOU, TOO!

THIS IS  
KURENO  
SOHMA.

THIS  
MAN...

...IS THE  
ROOSTER.

REMEM-  
BER THIS,  
TOHRU-  
SAN.

THE  
ROOSTER.



...BINDS...  
GOD?

THE CURSE  
THAT BINDS  
EVERYONE...



THEN  
THE  
CURSE  
IS...?



"THE  
MASTER  
OF THEIR  
SOULS."

"WE..."

...CANNOT  
BE APART."

THE  
CURSE--

THE  
MYSTERIOUS  
CHAINS...

...THAT BIND  
ALL THE  
MEMBERS OF  
THE ZODIAC...



THE ONE  
WHO  
STANDS  
ABOVE  
THEM ALL

IS THAT  
WHY NO  
ONE...

...CAN GO  
AGAINST  
HIM...?



slump

AKITO-  
SAN...

...IS  
GOD.







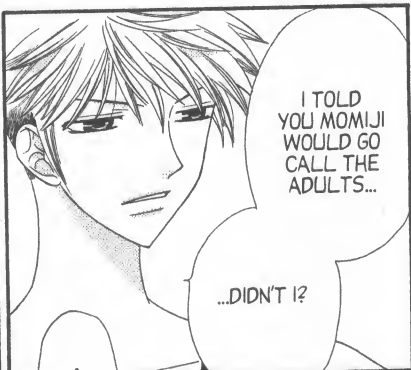
THEY'RE  
BACK.

LOOK.



I'M SO  
PATHETIC...

I DISGUST  
MYSELF!!



I TOLD  
YOU MOMIJI  
WOULD GO  
CALL THE  
ADULTS...

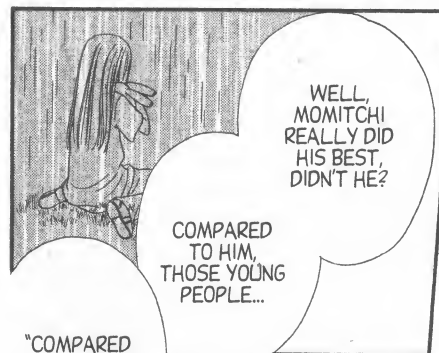
...DIDN'T I?



DON'T LET  
HIM CATCH  
COLD...

poof

SUCH...



WELL,  
MOMITCHI  
REALLY DID  
HIS BEST,  
DIDN'T HE?

COMPARED  
TO HIM,  
THOSE YOUNG  
PEOPLE...

"COMPARED  
TO HIM, US  
ADULTS"...



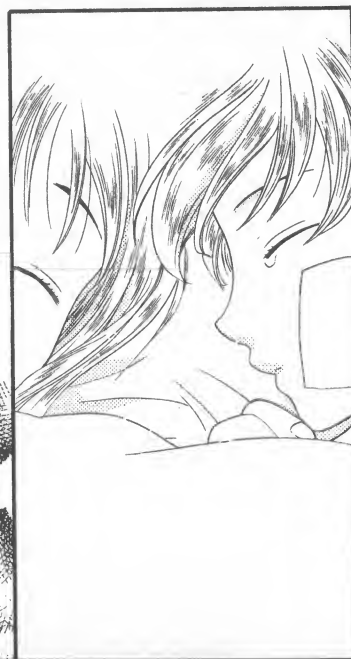
...YOU  
MEAN.



...PRETTY  
TEARS.



...EVEN  
SO...



BUT...



HM?

IT  
CAN'T  
BE...



NEVER  
MIND.

YOU'RE  
RIGHT.



PROTECTING  
SOMEONE ISN'T  
SIMPLE.



...AFTER  
ALL.

...HE'S  
PATHETIC  
...

...SOMETIMES  
THINKS...



SO,  
EVEN  
HE...



NO, I'M  
SERIOUS.



SARCASM?



PROTECTING  
SOMEONE ISN'T  
ALWAYS AS  
SIMPLE AS IT  
SEEMS.

I KNOW  
HOW HE  
FEELS.



IT  
CLEARED  
UP!!

IT CLEARED  
UP, IT CLEARED  
UP! THE RAIN  
STOPPED!

WE CAN DO  
FIREWORKS  
NOW!!



ARE YOU  
SURE? THE  
SUN'S STILL  
UP...

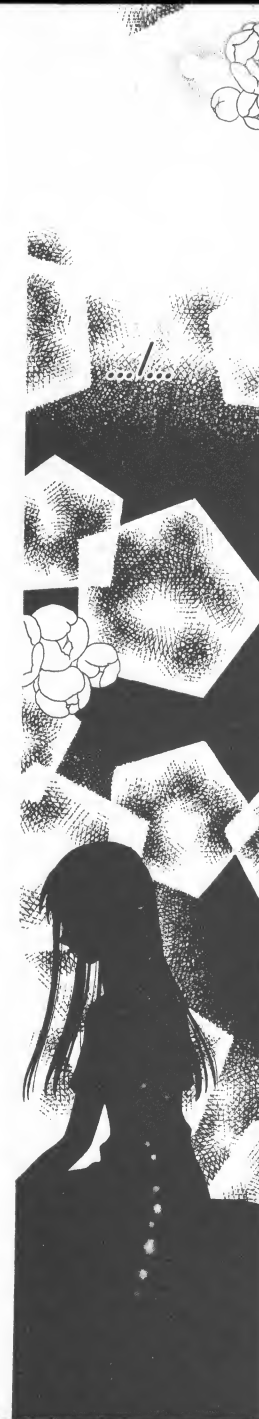
*I'm  
sure!*

I CAN'T  
WAIT UNTIL  
NIGHT!



RIGHT?

Yes...



...! I  
WANT TO  
PROTECT  
HER.

I WANT  
TO  
PROTECT  
HER  
ABOVE  
ALL  
ELSE.





IS THAT...

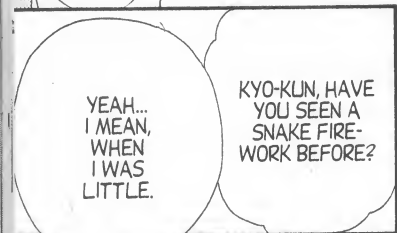
...SUPPOSED TO BE FUN?

OOOOH...

sizzle

sizzle  
sizzle  
sizzle

sizzle



YEAH... I MEAN, WHEN I WAS LITTLE.

KYO-KUN, HAVE YOU SEEN A SNAKE FIREWORK BEFORE?



WHEN I SAID I HADN'T DONE FIREWORKS BEFORE, SHISHOU WENT OUT AND BOUGHT A TON OF THEM.



cough

BUT--! YOU HAVE TO TRY IT AT LEAST ONCE! IT'S REALLY WORTH SEEING!

I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING IN ALL THIS SMOKE.



HEY, WHY DO YOU BOTH HAVE BAND-AIDS ON YOUR FACES?

AH...! YOU MEAN THESE?

LAST NIGHT, WE WERE OUT WALKING... AND..UM...WE FELL!

Right, Momiji-kun?

YEAH.



...

YOU MEAN "BIRDS OF A FEATHER"...

WE'RE LIKE BIRDS ON A WIRE!



HERE WE GO!!

LEAVE IT TO ME! I'VE DECIDED THE TOP BATTER!

HEY.

ARE WE GONNA LIGHT THESE THINGS, OR WHAT? WHICH ONES DO WE START WITH?



Oh.

IT SAYS NOT TO HOLD IT IN YOUR HANDS OR POINT IT AT PEOPLE OR BUILDINGS.

WHAT KIND ARE THOSE?

I WANT TO DO THESE.

Bottle rockets.

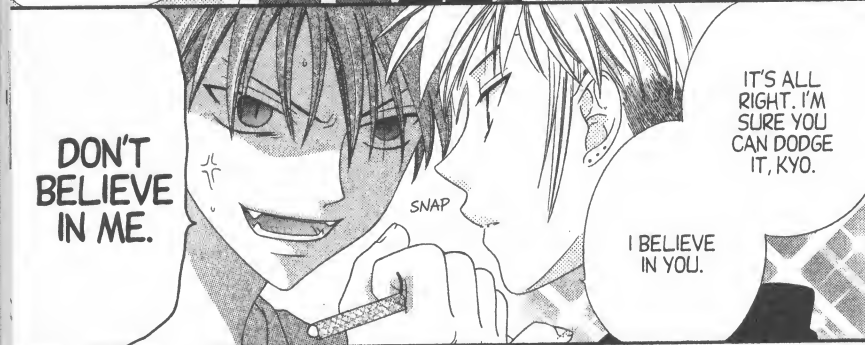
Do they fly?

?RUSTLE  
RUSTLE

DUNNO. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS, YUKI.

"PUT IT IN A BOTTLE, POINTED AWAY FROM YOU, AND LIGHT THE END OF THE FUSE."

HE'S POINTING IT AT ME!!



DON'T BELIEVE IN ME.

SNAP

IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'M SURE YOU CAN DODGE IT, KYO.

I BELIEVE IN YOU.

\*Don't try this at home!



HEY, EVERYBODY!

UH, UM...

DON'T POINT THEM AT PEOPLE!!

LOOK YOU!!

THINK OF IT LIKE DODGE-BALL WITH ROCKETS.



FIREWORKS, I MEAN.

BUT YOU'VE DONE IT TOO, RIGHT?

WITH YOUR MOM?

Yes! IT WAS FUN, BUT...

I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS ANYTHING...



...IT SEEMS THAT IF MOM....

HER YANKEE BLOOD?

...SEES FIRE OR FIGHTING, HER BLOOD BOILS!

grab

...SO FUN.

BUT THE CURSE...

...BINDS THEM, AND KEEPS THEM FROM ACHIEVING THEIR WISH.

I WANT TO...

...BREAK THE CURSE.

... IN THE BOTTOM OF THEIR HEARTS...

I HAVE A FEELING THAT...

...THEY ALL HAVE A WISH TO BE FREE.

WELL, THEY ARE FIRE-CRACKERS...

NOT SO LOUD!!

POP POP POP

FIRE-CRACKERS!!!

POP

POP

BUT THEY'RE PRETTY!

DON'T YOU SAY THAT!

YOU COULD HURT SOMEONE, YOU KNOW.

MOMIJI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT?!

AND I KNOW THAT YUKI-KUN HASN'T REFRAINED FROM FIGHTING...

...BECAUSE HE WANTS TO GO BACK TO THE SOHMA HOUSE.

...SO THAT HE COULD SPEND THE FUTURE IN CONFINEMENT.

SHISHOLI-SAN DIDN'T SHOW KYO-KUN THE BEAUTY OF FIREWORKS...





YOU KNOW...

...WE'VE NEVER ALL GOTTEN TOGETHER...

...TO HAVE FUN LIKE THIS...UNTIL NOW.



IT'S SO PRETTY!

EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE HAVING FUN.

YES.



...HONDA-SAN.

...TREASURE THE TIME I CAN SPEND LIKE THIS WITH YOU...

I, TOO...



...BUT THE SAME SUMMER NEVER COMES TWICE.

IT'S STRANGE, ISN'T IT?

SUMMER COMES EVERY YEAR...



...IF THERE IS A WAY...

...TO FREE EVERYONE FROM THEIR CHAINS...

...I WANT TO BREAK THE CURSE.



step

FOR YOU, HONDA-SAN.

PRETTY!

W H O O A !!

I KNOW IT'S PROBABLY NOT MY PLACE...

...AND SAYING YOU WANT TO PROTECT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN...

"STAY OUT OF IT."

BUT...

...EVEN SO...

...EVEN IF IT MEANS I'LL BE PUNISHED...



WHAT THE HELL?!

UH, UH, UM...

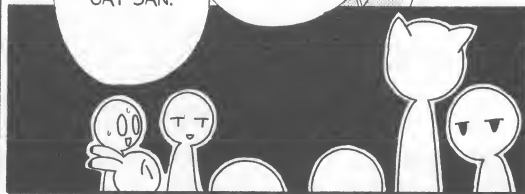
I CAN SIT ON MY OWN WITHOUT YOU GIVING ME YOUR SEAT!!



IN THAT CASE...

...SHALL I RELINQUISH MY SEAT TO YOU?

STUPID CAT-SAN.



STUBBORNNESS REALLY IS A HANDFUL...



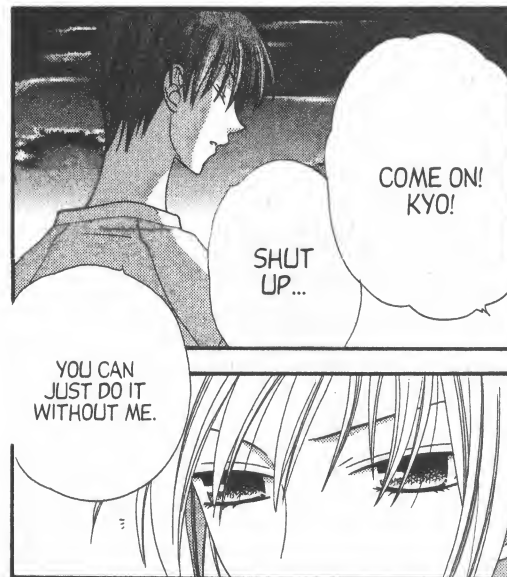
Yes!

CAN I SIT WITH YOU?

GO AHEAD.



NYAA ...



COME ON! KYO!

SHUT UP...

YOU CAN JUST DO IT WITHOUT ME.

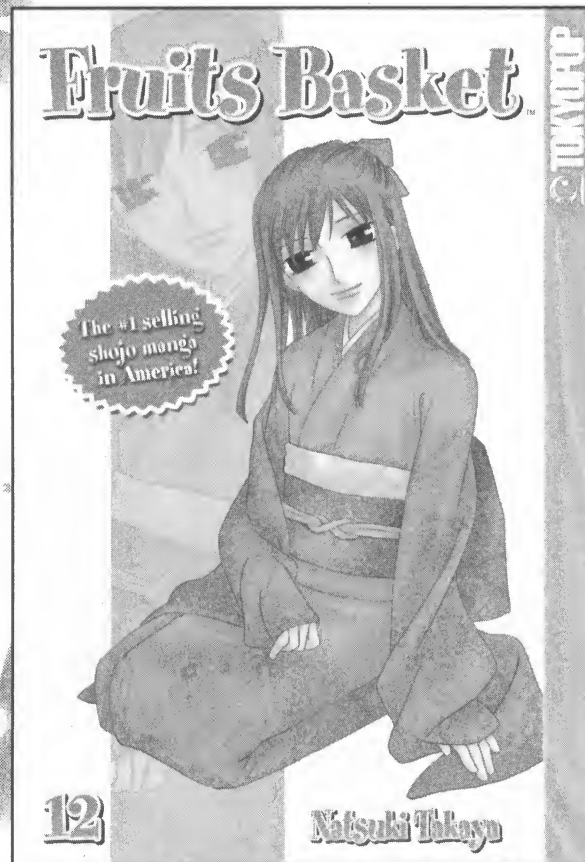


LET'S SET OFF FIREWORKS TOGETHER!

Yes!

KYO! KYO, COME JOIN US!

Next time in...



### Council Clash and Past Rehash...

Summer vacation comes to a close, and school begins again. Student life, however, is full of strife. A new student council has been assembled, featuring two controversial secretaries: Naohito, who has declared himself Yuki's rival, and Kimi, a devil woman who steals men's hearts. While classmates clash, Tohru becomes convinced that she may have finally discovered a way to break the Sohma's curse. However, Tohru has her own family crisis to deal with--her grandfather has thrown out his back, and while Tohru visits him, he is bent on discussing a painful part of her past.

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# Year of the Sheep: Getting Woolly



Much like the way a Sheep prides its wool coat, women born in the Year of the Sheep have a certain beauty and vigor about them that only adds to their elegance--something cemented by the fact that these ladies spend an exorbitant amount of time dolling themselves up. Their rooms are always filled with nice fragrances and fresh flowers, and they pay great attention to their own hygiene.

While a Sheep's love may be unconditional, their "yes means no" and "no means yes" nature can be a nightmare for any potential partner. Women of this year also have a clever way of getting what they want through pitiful looks and playfully skilled pestering. Sheep are also predisposed to cuddling and, if possible, would love nothing more than to have someone stay with them every second of the day.

## Celebrity Sheep:

Pamela Anderson  
Jennifer Love Hewitt  
Kate Hudson  
Norah Jones  
Nicole Kidman  
Matt LeBlanc  
Carrie-Anne Moss  
Julia Roberts  
Vin Diesel

## Sheep

**Years:** 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027, 2039

**Positive Qualities:** Creative, Honest, Passionate, Elegant

**Grievances:** Indecisive, Disorganized, Timid

**Suitable Jobs:** Actor, Gardener, Chef

**Compatible With:** Rabbits, Boar, Horses

**Must Avoid:** Ox

**Ruling Hours:** 1 PM to 3 PM

**Season:** Summer

**Ruling Month:** July

**Sign Direction:** South-Southwest

**Fixed Element:** Fire

**Corresponding Western Sign:** Cancer

Also known as the Year of the Ram or Goat, the traits of the Sheep have little in common with those of the astrological sign Aries. Sheep are shy and timid by nature and would prefer to remain anonymous rather than standing out and making a name for themselves--something that tends to happen regardless of their humble intentions.

Nonetheless, Sheep are passionate about their work and everything that they believe in. They are highly religious, but also very materialistic individuals. Sheep are often too dependent on the creature comforts their life brings and end up complaining over the smallest of things--not realizing it may be their own disorganization that they are displeased with. Pessimists by nature and quite vulnerable, Sheep do not respond well to pressure. However, they are quite adept at finding creative and natural solutions to any problems at hand.

\* Note: It is important to know on which day Chinese New Year's was held, as that changes what Zodiac animal you are. Example: 1991 actually began on February 15, and anyone born before that date is actually a Horse.